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BATMAN

WITH

ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

REG U.S. PAT. OFF.

by BOB KANE

DEEP UNDER THE SURFACE OF GOTHAM CITY IS A MAMMOTH CAVE WHICH IS KNOWN BUT TO TWO PEOPLE – **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!** FOR THIS IS THE **BATMAN'S** SUBTERRANEAN RETREAT – **THE BATCAVE!** IT IS THE BATCAVE THAT PROVIDES SECRET SHELTER FOR THE BATPLANE, BATMOBILE, A CRIMINOLOGICAL LABORATORY, AND ALL THE OTHER CRIME-FIGHTING TOOLS OF THE **BATMAN!** BUT WHEN A STRANGER ENTERS THE BATCAVE... AND WHEN THIS ENEMY WOULD DESTROY **BATMAN'S** CAREER... THEN FATE CONSPIRES TO PROTECT

"The 1,000 SECRETS OF THE BATCAVE!"

BAT-SIGNAL

NIGHT FALLS OVER GOTHAM CITY, AND SUDDENLY THE AIR IS SPLIT WITH SIREN WAILS AND GUN SHOTS... WOLF BRANDO. PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE, HAS BROKEN JAIL!

HERE'S A GOOD-BYE PRESENT, COPPER!

SOON AFTER, WOLF BRANDO COMMANDEERS A CAR...

PLEASE... I'M A DOCTOR... I'M HURRYING TO PERFORM AN EMERGENCY OPERATION... MY PATIENT MAY DIE... OHHH!

SHADDUP!

TRUCKS

CRASH!

WHEN A MOTOR-CYCLE POLICEMAN PICKS UP BRANDO'S TRAIL, THE KILL'ER DELIBERATELY RAMS THE LAWMAN!

YOU'LL BE A DEAD HERO NOW, COPPER!

BUT IN SPITE OF HIS INJURIES, THE GALLANT COP SECRETLY FOLLOWS WOLF BRANDO TO A SUBURBAN HOME...

THERE HE GOES... INTO THE WAYNE HOUSE! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT AN ALARM — FAST!

INSIDE THE HOUSE, AS YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, ALIAS ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, IS BENT OVER HIS HOMEWORK...

JUST THIS KID AROUND! WHAT LUCK! I KIN HIDE OUT HERE!

THE BOY SLUMPS, FALLS AGAINST BRANDO AND THRUSTS HIM AGAINST A HUGE GRANDFATHER CLOCK, AND...

HUH? IT OPENED! IT'S REALLY A SECRET DOOR... WITH STEPS BEHIND IT!

UPON EXPLORING THE STAIRS, WOLF BRANDO FINDS HIMSELF IN A NATURAL MAMMOTH CAVERN...

WHAT KIND O' PLACE IS THIS? THERE'S A SCIENCE LAB DOWN HERE! HEY- THERE'S A PICTURE...OF BATMAN AND ROBIN.'

AND THERE'S THE BATPLANE AND THE BATMOBILE! OHH... I GET IT NOW! I FOUND WHAT EVERY TRIGGER-MAN HAS BEEN LOOKIN' FOR! YEAH... I FOUND BATMAN'S HIDEOUT.'

MEANWHILE.. AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS, BRUCE WAYNE, SECRETLY THE BATMAN, IS VISITING HIS OLD FRIEND, COMMISSIONER GORDON ...

HOW ARE THINGS, BRUCE?

OHH... I'VE GOT PROBLEMS! ONE OF MY POLO PONIES IS OFF HIS FEED.' QUITE ANNOYING, Y'KNOW!

HMPHH! RICH MAN'S TROUBLES! EH... WHAT'S UP, REILLY?

ONE OF OUR BOYS SPOTTED WOLF BRANDO! HE WAS SEEN SNEAKING INTO MR. WAYNE'S HOUSE!

MY HOUSE?

COME ON, BRUCE...TO THE ROOF! YOU CAN HELP ME PAGE SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP US CAPTURE WOLF BRANDO- THE BATMAN.'

BATMAN?!! BUT I'M BATMAN.' WHAT A SPOT.'

LATER, IT IS IRONIC THAT BRUCE WAYNE HIMSELF HAS TO FLASH THE EERIE SIGNAL THAT IS A SUMMONS FOR THE BATMAN.'

ODD... HE SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE BY NOW!

I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY SO I CAN RE-APPEAR AS BATMAN.' HMM... I'VE GOT AN IDEA.'

SURREPTITIOUSLY, BRUCE RIPS A SEARCHLIGHT WIRE— AND THE BAT-SIGNAL BLACKS OUT!

UH... ONE OF THE FILAMENTS MUST'VE BURNED OUT! I'LL PHONE FOR AN ELECTRICIAN.'

OH... ALL RIGHT! SEE YOU LATER!

UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, BRUCE WAYNE SHEDS HIS PLAY-BOY ROLE AND ASSUMES THE MANTLE OF—

BATMAN! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE!

NEITHER DID I.'

LATER... AFTER A QUICK EXPLANATION... A POLICE CORDON SURROUNDS THE WAYNE HOME!

WE SEARCHED THE HOUSE, SIR, BUT THERE'S NOBODY IN IT.'

HMM! BRANDO MUST BE HIDING SOMEWHERE! WE'LL SEARCH THE GROUNDS!

AS FLASHLIGHTS PROBE THE DARKNESS, BATMAN MERGES WITH THE SHADOWS!

DICK WAS INSIDE THE HOUSE! SOMETHING'S WRONG! AND IF BRANDO'S NOT HIDING ABOVE GROUND, HE MAY BE BELOW— IN THE BATCAVE.'

UNOBSERVED, THE CAPED MANHUNTER SLIPS INTO AN OLD BARN THAT SERVES AS THE SECRET EXIT FOR THE BATPLANE AND BAT-MOBILE.'

IF BRANDO'S FOUND THE ENTRANCE TO THE BATCAVE, HE'LL KNOW THE IDENTITY I'VE GUARDED ALL THESE YEARS.'

DOWN THE RAMP HE RACES, TO A SUBTERRANEAN GROTTO... WHEN SUDDENLY...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER WEARIN' THAT MASK... I KNOW YOU ARE... BRUCE WAYNE!

AND NOW **BATMAN** FACES THE CRIMINAL WHO HAS STUMBLED UPON ONE OF THE MOST CLOSELY GUARDED SECRETS IN THE WORLD!

WELL, WELL... WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THE MUCH PHOTOGRAPHED PLAYBOY WAS REALLY **BATMAN** ALL THE TIME! YOU FOOLED EVERYBODY.'

ALL RIGHT ...SO YOU KNOW! NOW WHAT?

I WANT YOUR **BATMAN** COSTUME! BY DISGUISING MYSELF AS YOU, I CAN PASS THE COPS! DO THAT FOR ME AND I'LL KEEP YOUR SECRET!

I NEVER MAKE DEALS WITH CRIMINALS! YOU'RE A KILLER, AND I'M BRINGING YOU IN EVEN IF YOU DO REVEAL MY IDENTITY!

CRIMINAL FILES

BE SMART, **BATMAN**... OR DICK GRAYSON WILL NEVER WEAR HIS **ROBIN** COSTUME AGAIN.'

SUDDENLY, DICK USES A CLEVER STRATEGY BY LUNGING AGAINST THE MACHINE USED FOR PROJECTING MICROFILM SLIDES FROM **BATMAN'S** CRIME FILE.'

WHAT..?

CLICK

AND BRANDO'S EYES ARE DISTRACTED BY THE BIZARRE FACE OF **BATMAN'S** OLD ENEMY— **TWO-FACE!**

UHH... THAT FACE!

THIS IS **ONE** TIME I'M INDEBTED TO **TWO-FACE!**

WIRY AS HIS LUPINE NAMESAKE, WOLF BRANDO TWISTS AWAY, LOPING SWIFTLY INTO THE LABYRINTH OF ROCK AND SHADOW!

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME!

HE CAN'T GO ABOVE BECAUSE OF THE POLICE! HE'LL STAY BELOW... AND WE'LL GET HIM.'

BRANDO KNOWS WHO YOU ARE... WHY WEAR YOUR ROBIN COSTUME?

THIS WILL PROBABLY BE OUR FINAL CASE... SO I WANT TO WEAR MY ROBIN SUIT FOR THE LAST TIME... BEFORE I PUT IT IN MOTHBALLS!

THEN, IN THE CONFINES OF THE BAT-CAVE BEGINS A GRIM GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK, FOR A KILLER. MUST BE FOUND!...

WINCH

OLD DISGUISED BARN

WAYNE HOME

SPIRAL STAIRS

WINCH CHAIN TO PULL BAT-PLANE UP INCLINE

NATURAL GROTTO

GARAGE

TROPHY ROOM

SECRET LABORATORY

THE BEST PLAN IS FOR US TO SPLIT UP! WE'LL COVER MORE TERRITORY QUICKER! I'LL SEARCH THE GARAGE ... YOU TRY THE TROPHY ROOM! GOOD LUCK!

CHECK!

WARILY BATMAN ENTERS... WHEN SUDDENLY THE BATMOBILE, LIKE A ROBOT GONE BERSERK, RUSHES AT ITS INVENTOR!

HAW! HAW! WHAT A LAUGH... BATMAN'S GONNA BE RUN OVER BY HIS OWN BATMOBILE!

SURPRISINGLY, BATMAN LEAPS DIRECTLY AT THE ONCOMING MACHINE!

I THANK THE DAY I MADE THE BATMOBILE STREAMLINED!

AS THE ACROBATMAN PIVOTS TOWARD THE CAR DOOR, IT SUDDENLY SWINGS OPEN...

YOU'RE NOT COMIN' IN... I'M GETTIN' OUT.'

RETREATING, WOLF BRANDO FINDS HIMSELF IN THE HALL OF TROPHIES... SYMBOL OF BATMAN'S NUMEROUS VICTORIES OVER CRIME!

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DINOSAUR ISLAND

JOKER

SAY, THIS PLACE OUGHT TO SUPPLY ME WITH SOME KIND O' WEAPON!

OH-OH... IT'S ROBIN LOOKIN' FOR ME! THAT LITTLE BRAT... I OUGHTTA SQUASH HIM LIKE A FLY! YEAH... AN' THIS TROPHY OUGHTTA DO JUST THAT!

MEANWHILE, BATMAN ENTERS... WHEN SUDDENLY...

ROBIN! LOOK OUT!

CASE OF PENNY PLUNDERERS

REACTING INSTANTLY, BATMAN PITS TROPHY AGAINST TROPHY...

...TO BLOCK THE CRUSHING MENACE!

BUT IN HIS HASTE TO ESCAPE, BRANDO BRUSHES AGAINST A SOUVENIR FROM BATMAN'S PAST TRIUMPH OVER THE JOKER, AND SUDDENLY—

YIII-III.' (COUGH) GAS!

YOU KNOW SOMETHING ... I'M PRETTY SORE AT THAT DINO-SAUR!

THE FACT THAT YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO PUN MEANS YOU'RE NOT HURT! NOW... LET'S FIND THAT KILLER!

MEANWHILE...

IF THIS WEAPON WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE PENGUIN, IT OUGHTTA BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!

JACK-IN-THE-BOX COLLECTED FROM THE JOKER JULY 1940

PENGUIN'S FLAME THROWING UMBRELLA

YOU FOOL! THAT WAS ONE OF THE JOKER'S MORE DEADLY PRACTICAL JOKES... IT CONTAINED POISON GAS.'

P-POISON? OOH... MY THROAT'S BURN-IN' UP... YOU GOTTA GET ME AN ANTIDOTE OR I'LL DIE...

LET HIM DIE! HE'S A KILLER! YOU'D ONLY BE SAVING HIM FOR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR ANYWAY! WHY GIVE HIM THE CHANCE TO REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY?

ROBIN, WE'VE ALWAYS FOLLOWED A MORAL CODE... WE MUST KEEP HIM ALIVE... EVEN THOUGH IT WILL MEAN THE FINISH OF BATMAN.'

IRONICALLY, BATMAN SETS OUT TO CREATE THE LIFE-SAVING ANTIDOTE WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY MEAN HIS OWN DOOM!

AMMONIUM ACETATE! PILOCARPINE! METHYLENE BLUE.'

THEN, FINALLY... THE ANTIDOTE!

DRINK THIS... IT WILL SAVE YOU... FOR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

BRANDO DRAINS THE VIAL... THEN COLLAPSES.'

HE'S FAINTED!

PROBABLY FROM THE REACTION OF THE ANTIDOTE! I'D BETTER CHECK HIS PULSE COUNT.'

OHHH...

BUT AS BATMAN KNEELS... HE RECEIVES TREACHEROUS PAYMENT FOR HIS MEDICAL CARE!

THANKS, CHUMP!

I KNEW THE PENGUIN'S FLAME-THROWING UMBRELLA WOULD COME IN HANDY! SO-LONG, KID!

SSSS!

HURRIEDLY, BRANDO RETREATS TOWARD THE OUTER SECTION OF THE BATCAVE...

ROBIN, WE MUSTN'T LET HIM GET THROUGH THE LUMINOUS CORRIDOR BESIDE THE STREAM! IT LEADS OUT OF THE BATCAVE!

BUT THE ECHO OF BATMAN'S WORDS CARRIES TO BRANDO...

...LUMINOUS CORRIDOR BESIDE THE STREAM... LEADS OUT OF BATCAVE...

THIS MUST BE IT! NOW I CAN GET OUTA HERE!

MEANWHILE...

WHY ARE WE TAKING THE GONDOLA?

IT ELIMINATES FOOTSTEPS! WE'LL DRIFT QUIETLY DOWN THE UNDERGROUND STREAM AND CUT HIM OFF!

FROM VENICE MURDER CASE

POLING THE CRAFT LIKE AN EXPERT GONDOLIER, BATMAN CONTINUES THE GRIM MANHUNT...

PRESENTLY, AS BRANDO REACHES THE END OF THE NARROW CORRIDOR HE HAS JUST RUN THROUGH...

WHY, I'M STILL IN THE CAVE. IT WAS A TRICK!

RIGHT!

I WANTED THAT ECHO TO REACH YOU FOR A PURPOSE! YOU SEE... WHEN THE TYPE OF CRICKET FOUND IN THIS CAVE DIES, IT BECOMES COVERED WITH A WHITE FUNGUS THAT GLOWS LUMINOUSLY...

THE WALLS OF THE CORRIDOR YOU JUST FLED THROUGH ARE LINED WITH DEAD CRICKETS, AND THEIR WHITE SHROUDS BRUSHED OVER YOUR CLOTHES! YOU CAN'T HIDE IN THE DARK NOW... BECAUSE YOU'RE SUPPLYING YOUR OWN LIGHT!

HUH?

OKAY, WISE GUYS... WHO'S GONNA BE FIRST TO GET SCORCHED?

YOU LOOK HOT UNDER THE COLLAR... TRY FANNING YOURSELF WITH MY BATARANG!

YOU'RE TRAPPED, BRANDO! THERE'S A WHIRLPOOL BEHIND YOU! AND YOU CAN'T HIDE IN THE DARK NOW. YOU'RE THROUGH!

NO, BATMAN... *YOU'RE* THROUGH! YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE ME IN, AND WHEN YOU DO, I'LL TELL THE WORLD BRUCE WAYNE IS THE BATMAN! *HAW! HAW!*

HAW! HAW! HAW!

EVEN THOUGH YOU WIN... YOU LOSE! FUNNY, ISN'T IT? HAW!

AS THE SHRIEKING LAUGHTER MOUNTS, ITS PIERCING ECHOES DISTURB SLEEPING BATS ON THE ROOF OF THE BATCAVE...

HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW!

... AND AS THEY FLAP THEIR WINGS TO INVESTIGATE THE SOURCE OF THE NOISE..

I WIN! HAW! HAW! H... AGHHH! BATS! GET AWAY! YA-AAA!

LOOK OUT! THE WHIRLPOOL!

TOO LATE! THE WATERS SWIFTLY CLOSE OVER THE HEAD OF THE RUTHLESS KILLER!

HE'S GONE!

AND MY SECRET HAS PERISHED WITH HIM! JUSTICE MOVES IN MANY STRANGE WAYS...

LATER.. AS BATMAN REJOINS THE POLICE...

WE JUST GOT A REPORT, SIR... BRANDO'S BODY HAS BEEN FOUND... IN THE EAST RIVER DOWN-TOWN!

WHY, THAT'S MILES FROM HERE! THEN HE WASN'T HERE, AFTER ALL! ACCIDENTAL DROWNING, I SUPPOSE! WELL, THIS CLOSES THE CASE OF WOLF BRANDO!

AFTERWARD...

THE BATCAVE UNDERGROUND STREAM EMPTIES INTO THE EAST RIVER, SO IT CARRIED BRANDO'S BODY AWAY FROM HERE!

YES... IT WAS THE BATCAVE THAT DEFEATED WOLF BRANDO... AND THEN IT CAST OUT THE ENEMY WHO WOULD HAVE DONE BATMAN HARM! YES... THE REAL HERO OF THIS CASE WAS—THE BATCAVE!

THE END

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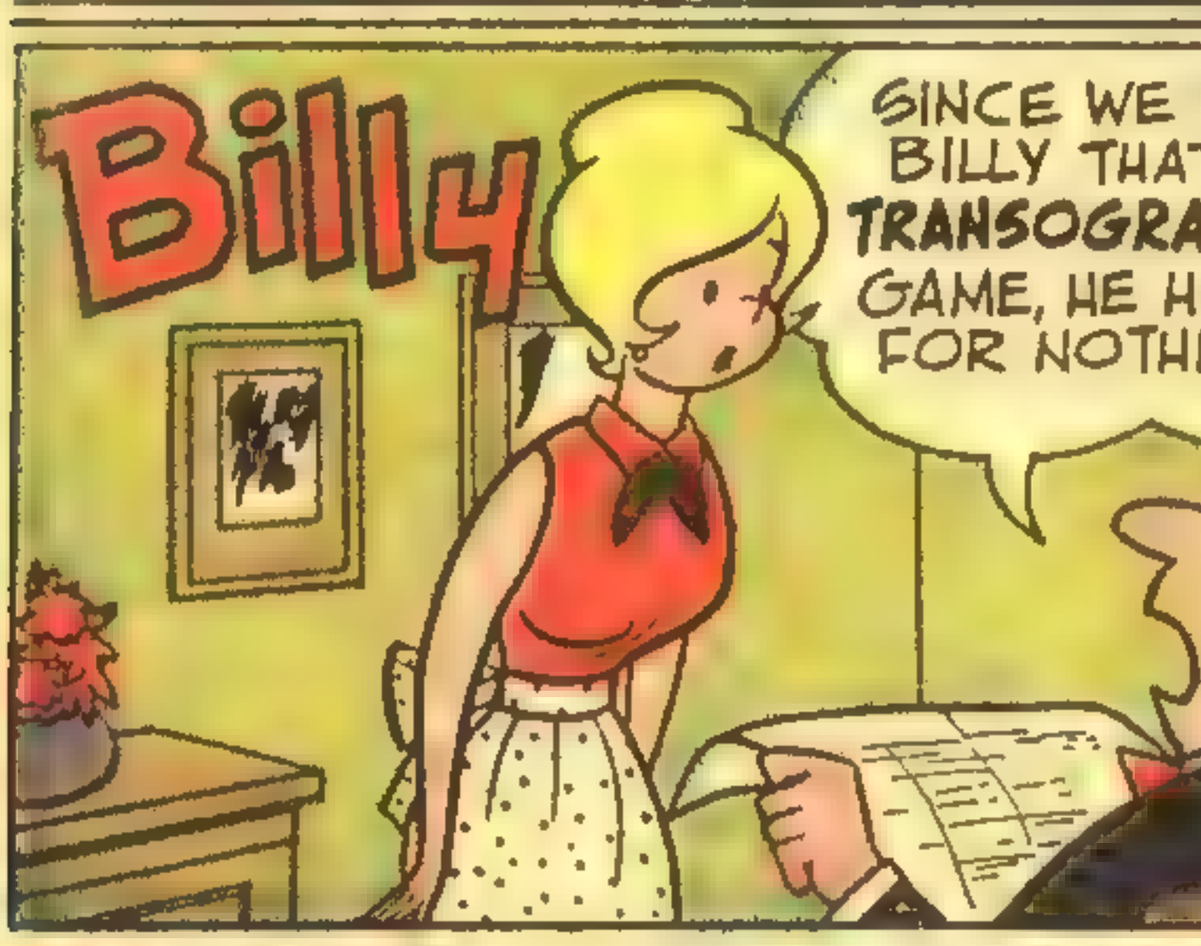

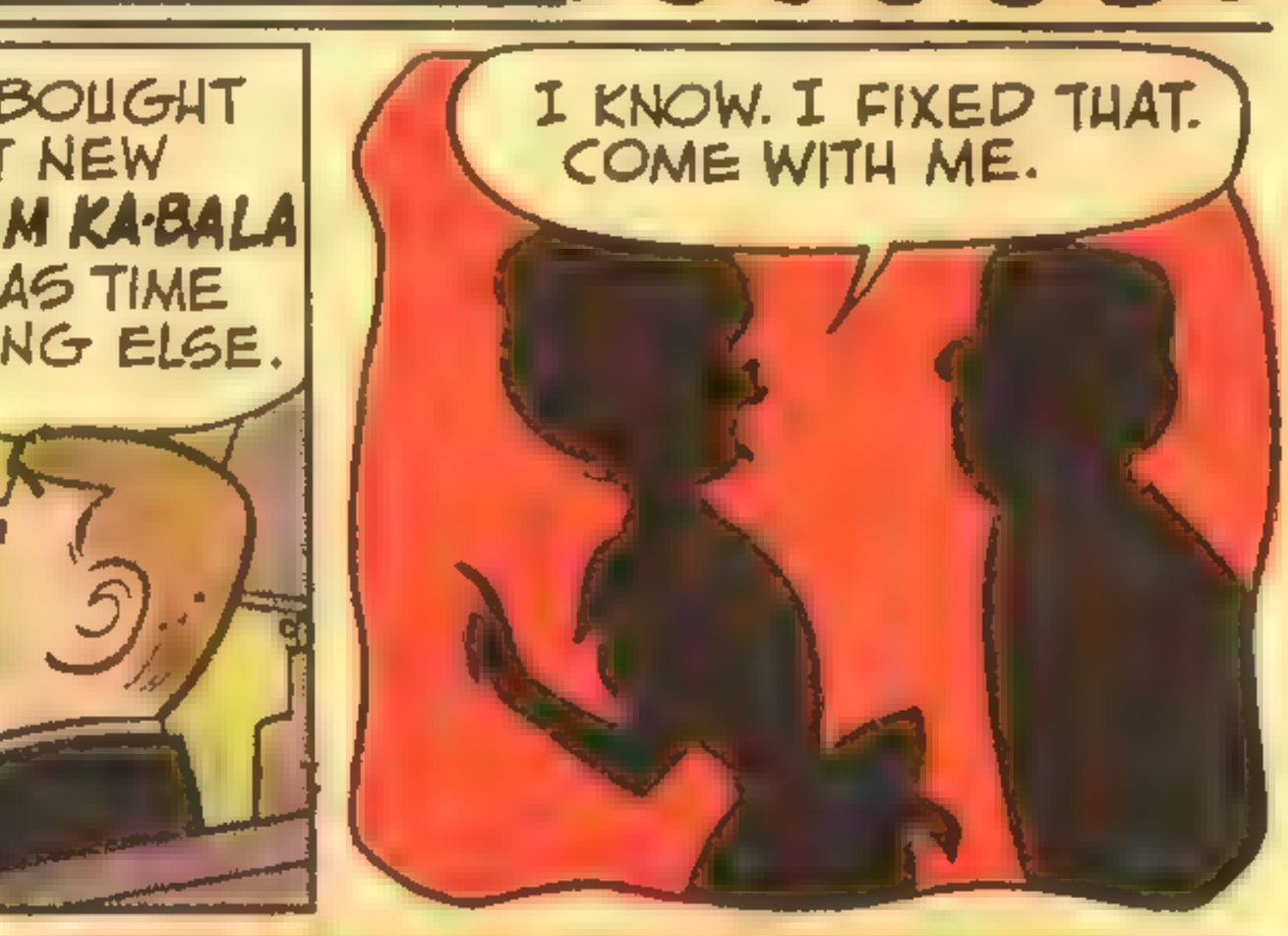

BATMAN WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

IMAGINE BATPLANE VS. BATPLANE FOR THE MASTERY OF THE SKIES!

WELL, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BATPLANE, MOST FORMIDABLE OF ALL BATMAN'S EQUIPMENT, FALLS INTO EVIL HANDS. FOR THE ONLY WAY BATMAN CAN PUT AN END TO THIS NEW TERROR IS TO DEVISE A NEW BATPLANE--AND MOVE TO THE ATTACK! SO, FOR JET-PROPELLED THRILLS AND POWER-DIVING ACTION, SLIP ON YOUR OXYGEN TANKS, ADJUST YOUR GOGGLES FOR...

"The Birth of BATPLANE II!"

HURRY, ROBIN! THE NEW BATPLANE IS SORELY NEEDED!

GOTHAM NEWS

CROOKS NAB BATPLANE!

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BOB KANE

ONE DAY, IN THE OFFICES OF *GOTHAM AIRLINES*...

I'M SORRY, HAGGERTY... THE DOCTORS HAVE TURNED DOWN YOUR REQUEST TO PILOT ONE OF OUR PLANES!

WHAT? WITH MY WAR RECORD — AND FLYING EXPERIENCE?

DESPERATELY, "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY PRODUCES PHOTOGRAPHIC TESTIMONY OF HIS SKILL...

SEE? THAT WAS ME PILOTING THAT MUSTANG, MR. LANE! I WAS CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN *22 JAP PLANES.*'

WHY, I'VE HANDLED ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT! LOOK AT THIS CARGO SHIP I FLEW OVER THE TREACHEROUS ALPS!

I KNOW — BUT, YOU'VE GOTTEN OLDER — YOUR REFLEXES ARE SLOWER! AND YOU KNOW, *SAFETY* IS OUR MAIN CONCERN! BUT REMEMBER — COME SEE ME ANY TIME YOU'RE READY TO TAKE A DESK JOB...

DESK JOB! WHY, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO STAND IT!

LATER, AS "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY MAKES ONE LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO STAY IN THE GAME HE LOVES...

BUT, COLONEL WEBB — YOU *CAN'T* TURN ME DOWN! FLYING'S MY WHOLE LIFE!

SORRY, HAGGERTY.. REGULATIONS ARE REGULATIONS! I'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU -- BUT I JUST CAN'T...

MEANWHILE, IN A WAITING ROOM NEAR COLONEL WEBB'S OFFICE...

I WONDER WHAT COLONEL WEBB WANTS OF US, *BATMAN*?

HE DIDN'T SAY! HE JUST TOLD COMMISSIONER GORDON IT WAS A MATTER OF EXTREME *URGENCY* AND *SECRECY*!

PRESENTLY, AS *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* ARE SUMMONED FOR THEIR INTERVIEW...

THIS WAY, GENTLEMEN.

SAY- THERE'S "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY, *BATMAN!* REMEMBER?... WE MET HIM AT A BOND DRIVE, DURING THE WAR...

YES- BUT LET'S NOT BOTHER HIM, NOW! HE SEEMS VERY UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING.'

AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO IS ALONE WITH COLONEL WEBB...

SO YOU WANT US TO HELP YOU TEST AN IMPORTANT NEW WEAPON YOU'VE INVENTED, COLONEL.'

YES, GENTLEMEN.' IT'S NOT QUITE READY TO BE PRESENTED OFFICIALLY TO THE ARMY-- THAT'S WHY I PREFER NOT TO USE ARMY PLANES OR PERSONNEL IN THIS TEST...

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS INSTALL THE WEAPON IN THE *BATPLANE* -AND USE MY *PERSONAL PLANE* AS THE TEST TARGET.'

WHY, WE'LL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU, COLONEL.'

NEXT DAY, AT AN ISOLATED AIRFIELD...

I CALL IT A "VACUUM BLANKET," *BATMAN!* WHEN TURNED ON DIRECTLY OVER ANOTHER PLANE, IT CREATES A *VACUUM*, WHICH CONKS OUT THAT PLANE'S ENGINE.'

AND AS THEY TAKE TO THE AIR...

WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, *ROBIN*, TURN ON THE "VACUUM BLANKET"!

RIGHT! AND IF IT WORKS, COLONEL WEBB SHOULD HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE GLIDING HIS PLANE TO A LANDING.'

BUT AS *ROBIN* TURNS ON THE NEW WEAPON...

TURN IT OFF, ROBIN.' SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! *THE BATPLANE'S CONTROLS HAVE FROZEN!*'

IT'S NO USE, ROBIN EVERYTHING'S JAMMED! WE'LL HAVE TO BAIL OUT!

AND HOW! IN A FEW MINUTES, WE'LL BE OVER THE OCEAN!

SECONDS LATER...

WELL, THERE GOES THE BATPLANE! WE'VE LOST IT FOR GOOD, BATMAN!

YES - BUT WE CAN ALWAYS BUILD ANOTHER! LUCKY IT'S HEADED OUT TO SEA... WHEN IT RUNS OUT OF FUEL - AND CRASHES - NO ONE WILL BE HURT!

BUT LONG AFTER BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE LANDED SAFELY, A PHENOMENON OF NATURE ALTERS THE BATPLANE'S COURSE...

...AS A FREAK CROSS-WIND SPINS IT AROUND AND HEADS IT BACK TO THE MAINLAND!

MEANWHILE, AT A SMALL AIRCRAFT FACTORY, NORTH OF GOTHAM CITY, RUN BY THE THREE BOLEY BROTHERS...

BULL, WE GOT A TIP THE COPS ARE ON TO US, FOR INCOME TAX EVASION!

AND WHEN THEY COME NOSIN' AROUND, THEY'RE SURE TO GET WISE THAT THIS FACTORY IS JUST A FRONT FOR OUR SMUGGLING RACKET!

AWRIGHT-AWRIGHT! SO WE'LL BLOW THIS JOINT BEFORE THEY COME! NOW, LEMME THINK... HOW'LL WE DO IT?

SUDDENLY...

HUH? THE BATPLANE! BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE HERE ALREADY! LET'S LAM!

NO, WAIT A MINUTE - THEY'RE IN TROUBLE! LISTEN TO THE MOTOR - IT'S CONKING OUT!

MOMENTS LATER...

LOOK! THE *BATPLANE'S* LANDED, LIGHT AS A FEATHER, IN THOSE PINE TREES! ARE THEY LUCKY!

MAYBE THEY'RE *NOT* SO LUCKY! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO CATCH 'EM BY SURPRISE! *SHOOT TO KILL!*

BUT WHEN THE CROOKS CHARGE THE *BATPLANE*...

WHY—IT'S EMPTY! THEY AIN'T HERE! WHAT HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW, AND I DON'T CARE! WE JUST GOT OURSELVES A *BATPLANE!* WHAT AN IDEA THAT GIVES ME!

THINK OF THE JOBS WE CAN PULL WITH THE *BATPLANE!* ALL WE NEED IS A PILOT WHO CAN FIX THE MOTOR! THEN, WE'LL BUILD *TWO MORE BAT-PLANES* — ONE FOR *EACH* OF US! *WHY, WE'LL RULE THE CRIME WORLD!*

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE *BATCAVE*, *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN*, IN THEIR EVERYDAY DISGUISES AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, COMPLETE PLANS FOR A *NEW BATPLANE*...

!!

COLONEL WEBB HAS CO-OPERATED IN KEEPING THE ACCIDENT OUT OF THE PAPERS, DICK!

HELICOPTER ASSEMBLY FOLDS INTO FUSELAGE

MAGNESIUM FIRED BATBEAM

THREE-WAY INTERCHANGING LANDING GEAR: WHEELS, PONTOONS, SKIS

"VACUUM BLANKET" ACTIVATOR

COMPLETE CRIME LAB WITHIN BATPLANE CABIN

SUPER RAM-JET POWER PLANT

TELEVISION, RADAR, RADIO ANTENNAE ALL CONTAINED IN THE WING STRUCTURES

HUMAN EJECTOR TUBES

GOOD, BRUCE! THERE'S NO SENSE IN LETTING CROOKS KNOW WE HAVEN'T GOT A *BATPLANE!* WILL THE BE SURPRISED WHEN THEY SEE THIS NEW ONE! BOY—IT'S A CORKER!

AND AS THE DAYS PASS...

A MINIATURE BUT COMPLETE CRIME LAB WILL FIT IN HERE! BEHIND IT WILL BE OUR STORAGE SPACE!

HMMM... THAT'S WHERE WE CAN KEEP PROVISIONS, EXTRA UNIFORMS, DUMMIES OF OURSELVES, SPARE EQUIPMENT— AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THIS TERRIFIC PLANE WILL NEED!

MEANWHILE, AS THINGS GO BADLY FOR "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY...

THAT MUST BE THE FLYER THEY TOLD US ABOUT IN THAT FLEA-BAG OF A HOTEL...

YEAH! AN OLD ARMY PILOT WHO'D DO ANYTHING TO FLY AGAIN! AND DON'T FORGET HIS OLD FOLKS, DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI — THAT'S OUR ACE IN THE HOLE!

WHEN THE CROOKS INVITE HAGGERTY FOR A RIDE..

YES, I COULD USE THE JOB! BUT ARE YOU SURE THIS FLYING DEAL YOU'RE OFFERING IS *LEGITIMATE*?

SURE, PAL! WE DID SOME REPAIRS ON THE *BATPLANE* FOR *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN*. NOW, ALL WE NEED IS A FERRY PILOT TO *DELIVER* THE PLANE!

SOON, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...

GOSH--THE *BATPLANE*! WHAT A SWEET JOB TO FLY!

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DELIVER IT TO THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT... LET'S GO!

HA-HA! HE'S FALLING FOR THE GAG!

WHILE AT *GOTHAM CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT*...

HERE COMES THAT DIAMOND *SHIPMENT* NOW, SIR...

RIGHT! WE'LL USE SECURITY PLAN "Y"! CLEAR THE FIELD--KEEP ALL INCOMING PLANES IN THE AIR--POSTPONE ALL TAKE-OFFS!

BUT AS THE TRANSPORT PLANE LANDS...

LOOK! THERE COME *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN*... PROBABLY TO LEND ADDITIONAL SECURITY! TELL THEM TO LAND AT ONCE!

SUDDENLY...

WHAT IS THIS!? WHERE'S *BATMAN*?

QUICK, SLATS--GRAB THE DIAMONDS!

ONE FALSE MOVE, HAGGERTY--AND I'LL DRILL YOU!

AND AS THE BRASH THIEVES MAKE THEIR GETAWAY...

OKAY, HAGGERTY--TAKE OFF! AND DON'T TRY TO BE A HERO! WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR OLD FOLKS DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI...

YEAH--WE GOT FRIENDS DOWN THERE! YOU PLAY BALL OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR FAMILY AGAIN!

YOU RATS!

MINUTES LATER...

BUT HOW DID CROOKS EVER LAY HANDS ON THE *BATPLANE, BATMAN?*

PROBABLY BY SOME FREAK OF NATURE! THIS IS SERIOUS *ROBIN!* WE'VE GOT A REAL *FIGHT* ON OUR HANDS!

NO – I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE CROOKS! BUT I COULDN'T MISTAKE THEIR PILOT – HE WAS "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY!

HAGGERTY! WE KNEW HE WAS DOWN AND OUT, BUT WE *NEVER* FIGURED HE'D TAKE UP WITH *CRIMINALS! ROBIN,* YOU KNOW WHAT *THAT* MEANS... WE MUST FINISH OUR NEW PLANE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!

AND SO, THE *BAT-CAVE* SOON STARTS TO HUM WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY...

THE NEW *BATPLANE* CAN ALSO CONVERT INTO A *HELICOPTER* OR A *SUBMARINE!* SEE, DICK? THE WINGS AND RUDDER ASSEMBLY FOLD INTO THE FUSELAGE!

WOW! A *BATMARINE!*

THESE "HUMAN EJECTOR" TUBES ARE THE *ESCAPE HATCHES* WE CAN USE, IF WE GET INTO TROUBLE!

YES – AND THEY'LL ALSO GET US OUT OF THE *BATMARINE,* IF, BY CHANCE, IT SHOULD SINK TO THE BOTTOM!

BUT ELSEWHERE, *OTHER BATPLANES* ARE ALSO TAKING SHAPE...

IN ANOTHER WEEK, THEY'LL BE FINISHED, BULL!

GOOD, I HEAR *BATMAN* IS BUILDING A NEW PLANE! BUT WAIT TILL *WE* MEET HIM. *THREE BATPLANES* AGAINST *ONE!*

BY THE WAY, HAGGERTY, I GOT A LETTER, HERE, FROM MY FRIEND IN MISSISSIPPI. HE'S KEEPIN' A SHARP EYE ON YOUR FOLKS.. WANNA READ IT?

DON'T RUB IT IN, BULL! I'M *WORKING* FOR YOU... ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

DAYS LATER...

THERE IT IS, DICK - THE NEW *BATPLANE!* COMPLETE WITH JET-PROPULSION, TELEVISION, RADAR, CRIME LAB...

..."VACUUM BLANKET," *BATMARINE*, EJECTORS, THE *BAT-BEAM* - GOSH, BRUCE - WE COULD GO ON AND ON!

ABRUPTLY...

FLASH! A *BATPLANE*, BELIEVED TO BE THE ONE IN POSSESSION OF CRIMINALS HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN THE AIR, NORTH OF GOTHAM CITY...

WHAT? WE DIDN'T FINISH A MOMENT TOO SOON!

DICK! IT'S TIME FOR *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* TO TRY OUT THEIR NEW PLANE!

SOON, IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY...

HERE COMES *BATMAN*, BULL! THIS COULD MEAN OUR FINISH!

HA-HA! NOT WITH DAVE AND SLATS HIDING IN THE CLOUDS ABOVE!" REMEMBER- *BATMAN* DOESN'T USE GUNS - AND *WE DO!*

SUDDENLY, AS THE COLORFUL CRIME-BUSTERS APPROACH BULL'S PLANE...

LOOK! *THREE BATPLANES!* AND THEY'RE FIRING *HEAVY CANNON!*

TOO MUCH FIRE-POWER EVEN FOR *THIS* PLANE, *ROBIN!*

WITHIN SECONDS, SMOKE POURS FROM THE *NEW BATPLANE*, AND...

NICE AIM, BOYS! YOU SET 'EM AFIRE AND THEY'RE BAILING OUT! WHAT A TARGET THEY'LL MAKE, FLOATING DOWN TO EARTH!

SO WHAT! HA-HA! THE NEW *BATPLANE* DIDN'T LAST LONG, DID IT? AND *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* ARE *SHOT FULL OF HOLES!*

IT'S MURDER, BULL! PLAIN COLD-BLOODED MURDER!

BUT AS THE NEW *BATPLANE* HITS THE WATER AND CHANGES INTO THE *BATMARINE*...

THOSE *DUMMIES* AND THE *SMOKE BOMB* WE RELEASED FOOLED THEM! I STILL HEAR THEM ON THE RADIO...THEY THINK WE'RE DEAD!

IT'S NO FUN TO RUN FROM A FIGHT, BUT IT'S OUR BEST STRATEGY! WE'LL DO BETTER TAKING THEM *ONE AT A TIME*!

THINKING US OUT OF THE WAY, THEY'LL PROBABLY FEEL THERE'S NO NEED TO COME OUT IN FORCE! THEY'LL STRIKE WITH ONE PLANE AT A TIME!

... AND THAT'S WHEN THEY'LL FALL INTO OUR TRAP!

NEXT DAY, AS THE LUXURY YACHT "TROY" CRUISES OFF-SHORE, WITH A GALA PARTY ABOARD...

LOOK--A *BATPLANE*! WHAT'S IT DOING?

HAVEN'T YOU READ THE PAPERS? A *CROOK* CONTROLS THAT PLANE NOW!

A MESSAGE FROM THAT PLANE, SIR! HE ORDERS US TO CHANGE COURSE--TO PUT IN AT BLACK HOOK COVE--OR HE'LL SINK US WITH BOMBS OR CANNON!

WHY--THE *PIRATE*! THERE'S A *FORTUNE* ABOARD THIS VESSEL! HE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT... *RADIO FOR HELP*!

BUT BEFORE A MESSAGE CAN BE SENT THROUGH..

HE'S TUNED TO OUR RADIO CHANNEL, SIR! HE SAYS IF HE HEARS ONE PEEP OF AN SOS, HE'LL SINK US ON THE SPOT!

GOOD GRIEF! HE MEANS BUSINESS, ALL RIGHT... AND I CAN'T RISK THE LIVES OF MY PASSENGERS! WE'LL HAVE TO OBEY!

MEANWHILE, AS BRUCE AND DICK MAINTAIN A CONSTANT VIGIL BEFORE A HUGE *RADAR SCREEN* IN THE *BATCAVE*...

THERE IT IS...THE OUTLINE OF A *BATPLANE*!

ACCORDING TO THE CO-ORDINATES, HE'S OUT AT SEA! COME ON--TIME TO GET STARTED AS *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN*!

IMMEDIATELY, OUT AT SEA...

THERE HE IS, *ROBIN.* THIS LOOKS LIKE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE NOW-PERFECTED "*VACUUM BLANKET*"!

BOY— WILL *HE* BE SURPRISED!

AND, AS THE "VACUUM BLANKET" GOES TO WORK...

HE'LL HAVE TO BAIL OUT, *ROBIN.*' RADIO THAT YACHT. DOWN THERE, TO PICK HIM UP AND HOLD HIM!

HUH? THE *BATPLANE... WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN ALIVE!* AND MY MOTOR... *IT'S CONKING OUT! MY RADIO'S DEAD!*

HE'D ORDERED THE CAPTAIN TO PUT IN AT BLACK HOOK COVE, *BATMAN...*

THEN HE MUST HAVE A HENCHMAN WAITING THERE TO HELP LOOT THE SHIP! LET'S TAKE A LOOK-SEE!

PRESENTLY, AT BLACK HOOK COVE...

THERE HE IS! WE'VE CAUGHT *ANOTHER* FISH!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA, *ROBIN*— *TURN ON THE BATBEAM!*

INSTANTLY, A POWERFUL FLASH OF LIGHT, AND...

UGH! A BAT! I CAN'T SEE!

WE'VE BLINDED HIM, *ROBIN*—AND STALLED HIS TAKE-OFF! NOW, QUICKLY... SHIFT TO *HELICOPTER* AND TURN ON THE "*VACUUM BLANKET*"! THEN, GET THE *GRAPPLING HOOKS* READY!

AS *ROBIN* CARRIES OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS...

IT WORKED, *ROBIN!* WE'VE HOOKED HIM FORE AND AFT! NOW, WE'LL TOTE HIM TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS!

I GET IT... CARRY HIM JUST HIGH ENOUGH SO THAT HE CAN'T LEAP OUT *WITHOUT* A CHUTE—AND TOO LOW TO LEAP OUT *WITH* A CHUTE!

STILL CAN'T SEE... WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THAT NIGHT, ON THE ROOF OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS

A T-MAN IDENTIFIED THE TWO MEN YOU CAPTURED AS SLATS AND DAVE BOLEY! THEY'VE GOT A BROTHER, BULL, AT AN AIRCRAFT FACTORY NORTH OF HERE...

THAT'S, OUR MAN ... AND HAGGERTY'S UNDOUBTEDLY WITH HIM! THANKS, COMMISSIONER--LET'S GO, *ROBIN*!

MEANWHILE, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...

THEY GOT MY BROTHERS--BUT THEY AIN'T GETTIN' ME! C'MON, HAGGERTY--YOU'RE FLYIN' ME TO MEXICO!

ABRUPTLY...

YOU FORGOT SOMETHING, BULL! WITH YOUR BROTHERS IN JAIL, WHO'S GOING TO TIP OFF YOUR FRIENDS IN MISSISSIPPI, NOW THAT I'M NOT PLAYING BALL ANYMORE!

SECONDS LATER...

WHAT A PLEASURE IT'LL BE TO TURN YOU OVER TO *BATMAN*, YOU RAT!

BOLEY A

BUT IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY, AS THE TWO *BATPLANES* MEET...

WE'VE GOT THEM BOTH, *ROBIN*--BOLEY AND HAGGERTY! LET'S JUST RUN THEM RAGGED, UNTIL WE CAN FORCE THEM DOWN ON AN OPEN FIELD!

BATMAN! *BATMAN*! DON'T--I'M A FRIEND... A FRIEND!

I CAN'T SET THIS PLANE DOWN HERE--AND I CAN'T BAIL OUT WITH BULL TIED UP BESIDE ME... THAT WOULD BE MURDER!

BOY--WATCH *BATMAN* FLY RINGS AROUND THOSE CROOKS! AND REMEMBER--*BATMAN* USES NO *LETHAL WEAPONS*!

HAGGERTY SEEMS TO BE WAVING AT US!

MOST LIKELY SHOUTING HIS DEFIANCE! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT GOT INTO THE MAN--BUT I'M GOING TO SHOW HIM SOME FLYING EVEN *HE* NEVER SAW BEFORE!

SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE STUNNED EYES OF THE ONLOOKING CROUD...

LOOK! THE CROOKS' PLANE IS IN A TAILSPIN! THEY'LL BE KILLED!

BATMAN'S WON! BUT I THOUGHT HE *NEVER* USED LETHAL WEAPONS! HE CERTAINLY DID UP THERE!

THEY'RE OUT OF CONTROL--SPINNING INTO A CRASH!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I KNOW I BUZZED THEM PRETTY CLOSELY, BUT I DON'T THINK I *SHEARED OFF* ANY OF THAT PLANE!

THEN, A MIRACULOUS STROKE OF LUCK...

WOW! THE CROOKS LANDED RIGHT IN THAT TRUCKFUL OF *SOFT RAGS!* IT BROKE THEIR FALL! THEY WEREN'T HURT AT ALL!

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LATER...

WE'RE SURE GLAD YOU'RE OKAY, HAGGERTY! BOLEY JUST CONFESSED! IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAD YOU PEGGED ALL WRONG!

BUT THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND... HOW COME YOU *CRACKED UP?* DID WE *DISABLE* YOUR PLANE?

OH, NO... I SIMPLY *BLACKED OUT!* THE DOCS WERE RIGHT, *BATMAN...* *MY FLYING DAYS ARE OVER!* I JUST HAD TO LEARN IT THE *HARD* WAY!

YOUR FLYING DAYS MAY BE OVER, HAGGERTY--BUT THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF JOBS IN AVIATION FOR YOU! *ROBIN* AND I ARE GOING TO SEE THAT YOU *GET* ONE!

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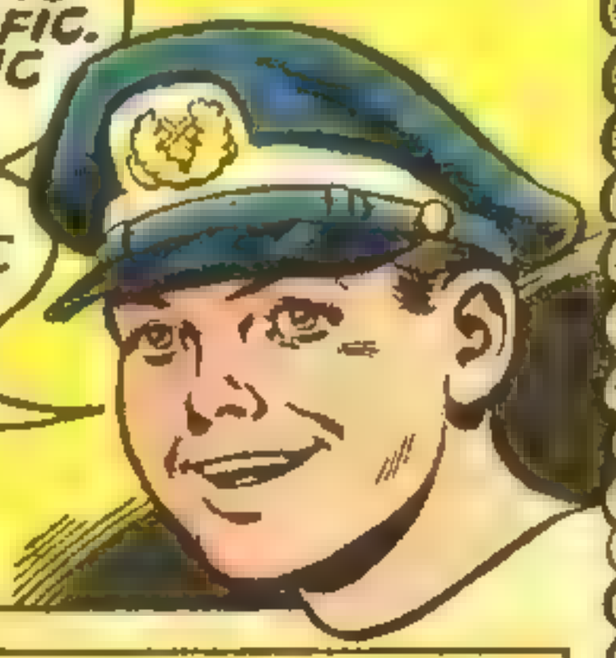

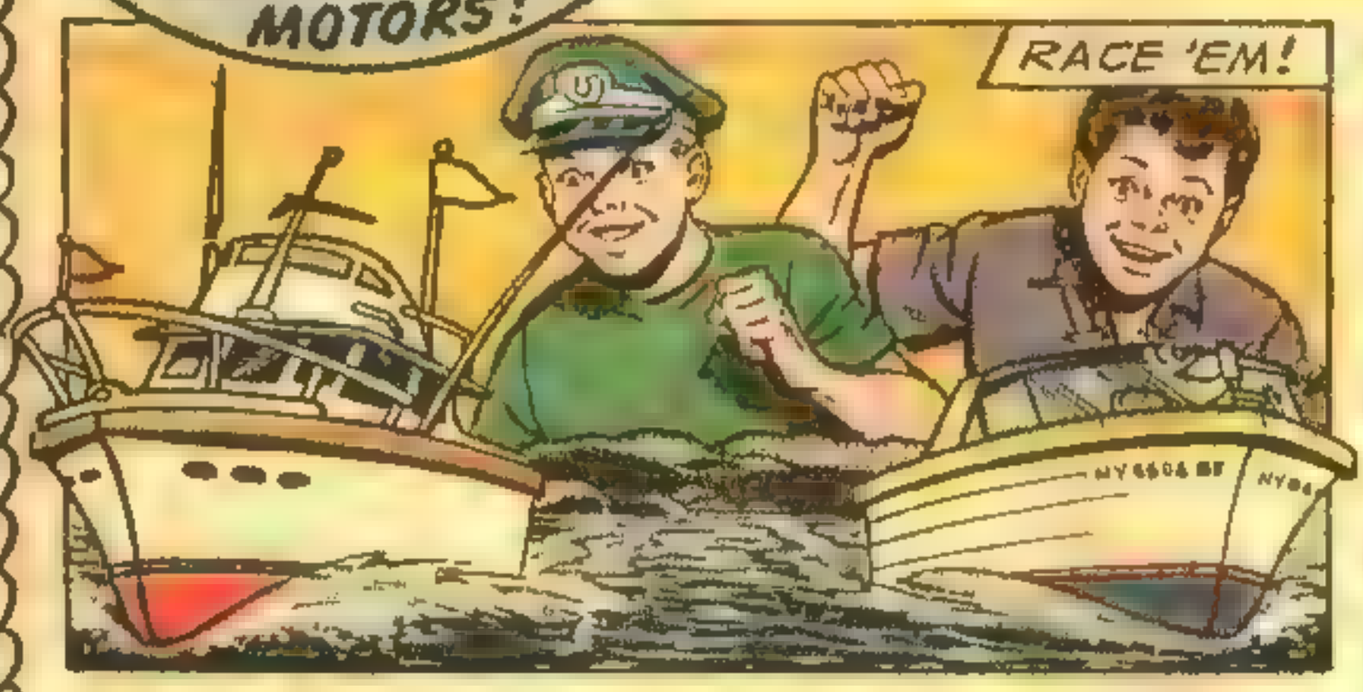

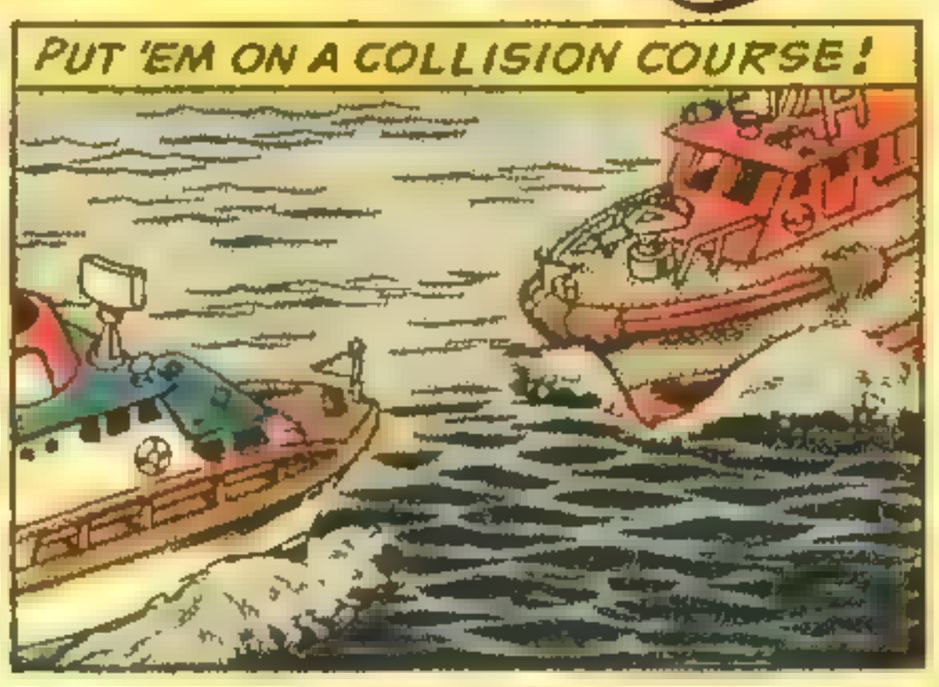

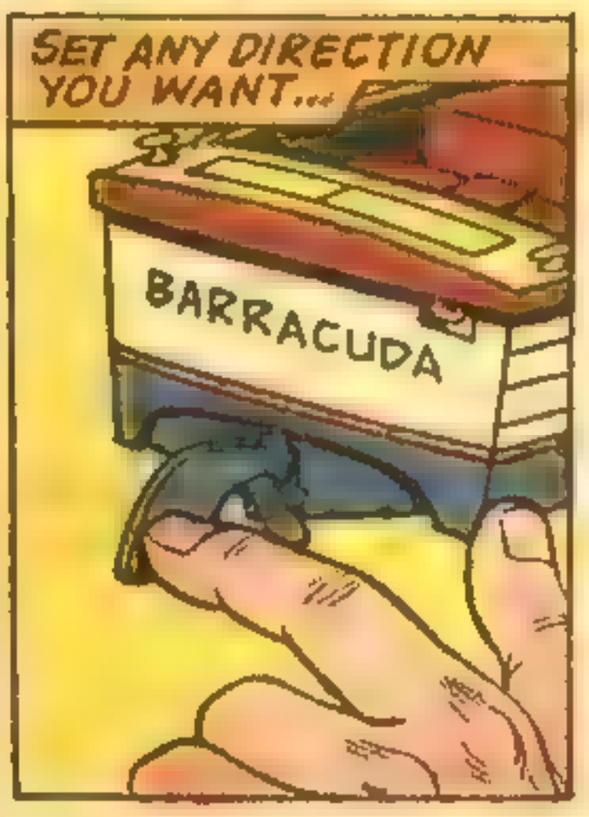

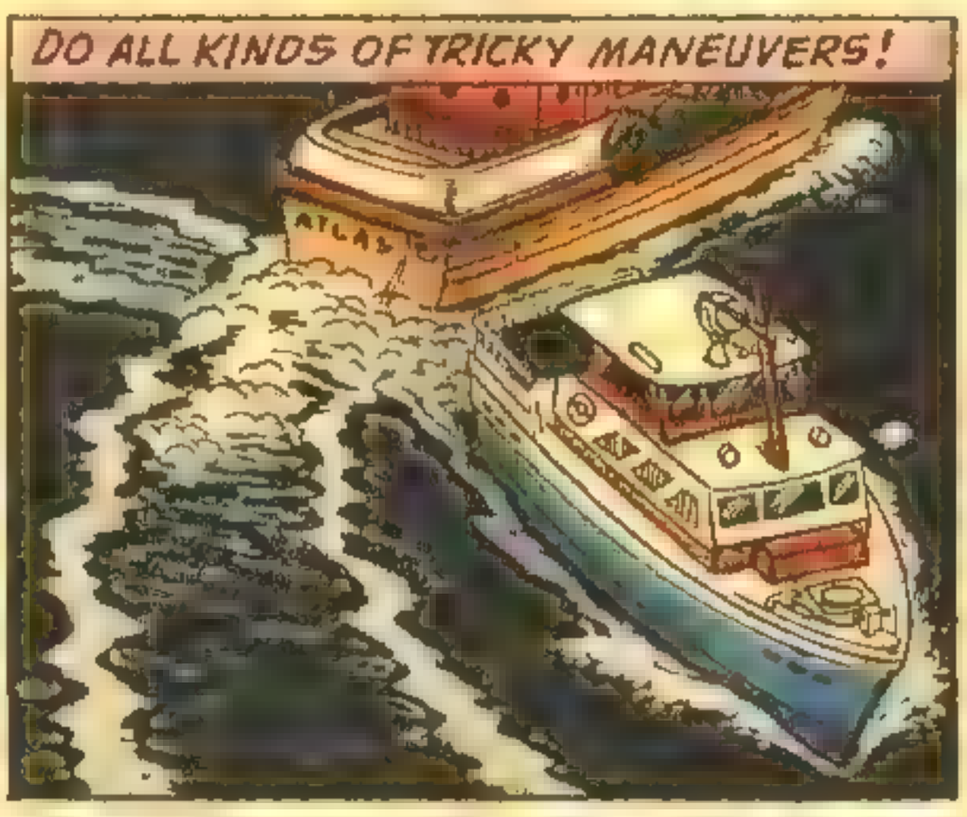

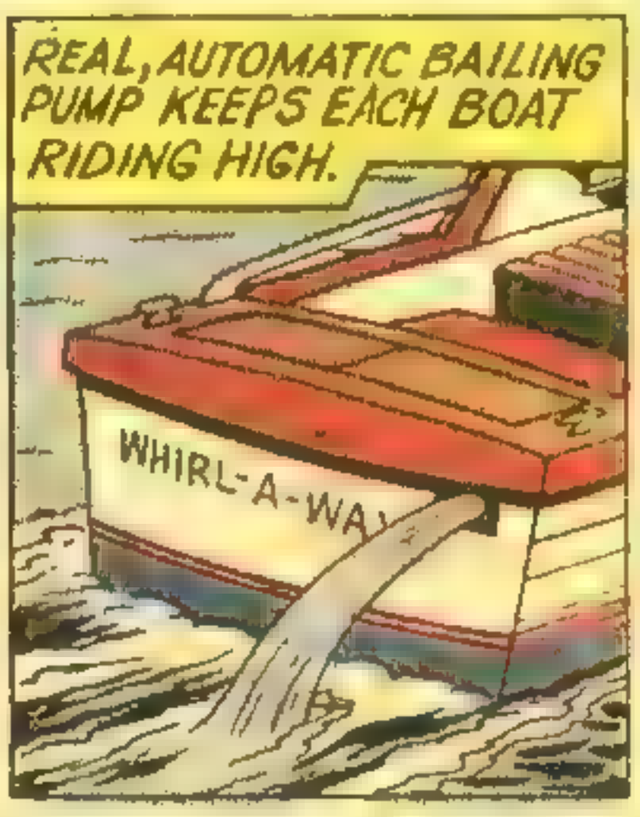

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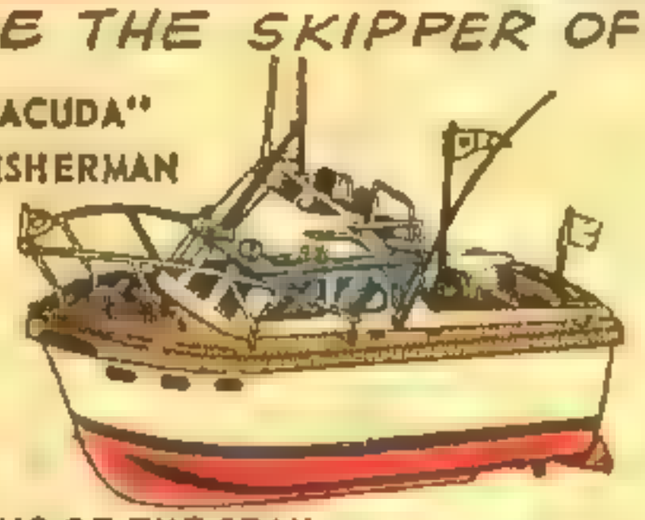

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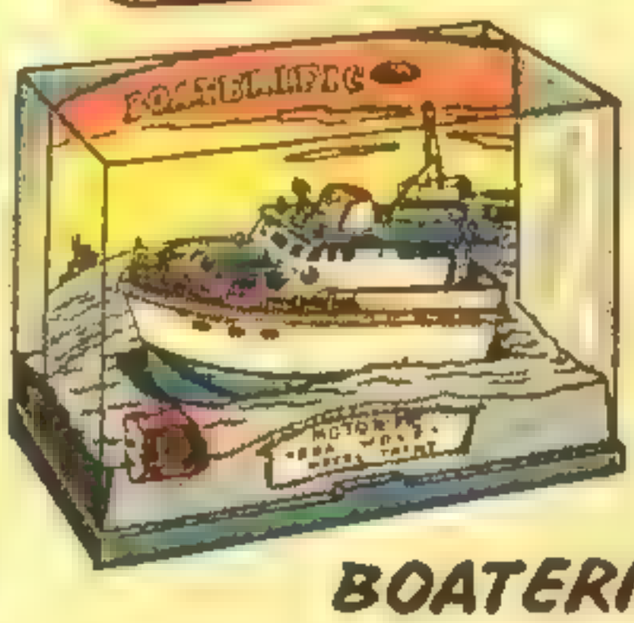

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PLAN OF THE BATCAVE

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COMPUTERIZED CRIME-FILE

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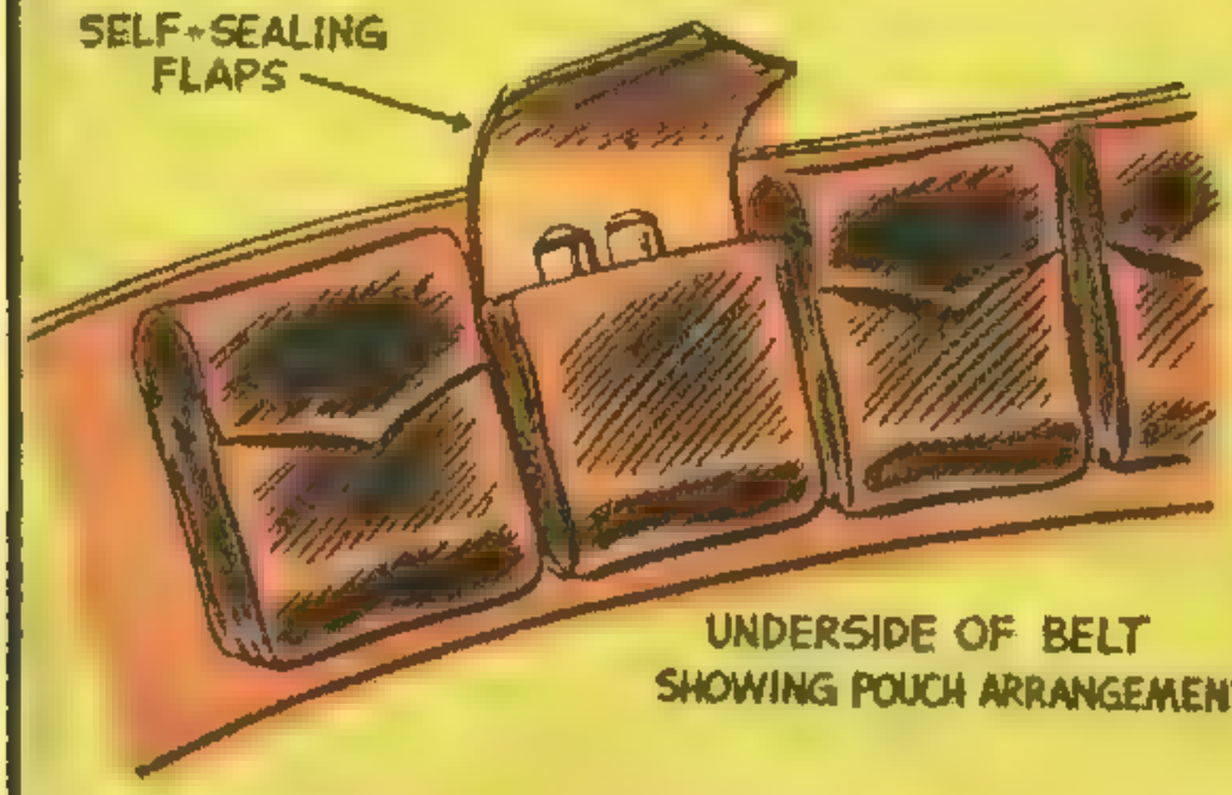
THE BATCAVE-1968

ROBIN'S UTILITY BELT

SELF-SEALING FLAPS



UNDERSIDE OF BELT SHOWING POUCH ARRANGEMENT

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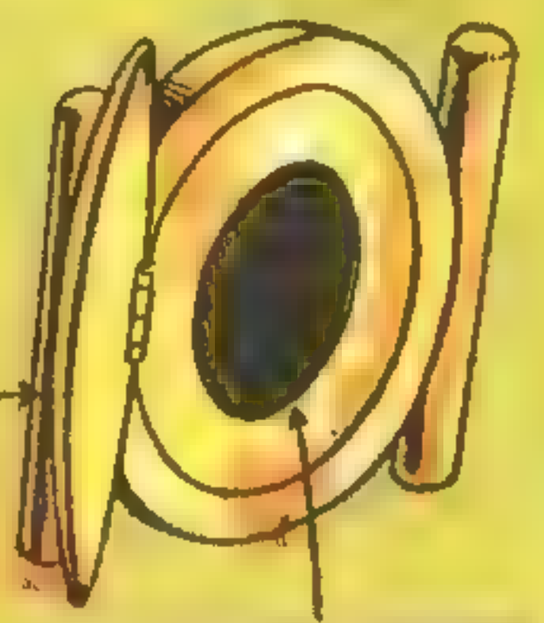
SWING-AWAY BUCKLE COVER



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BATMAN'S UTILITY BELT

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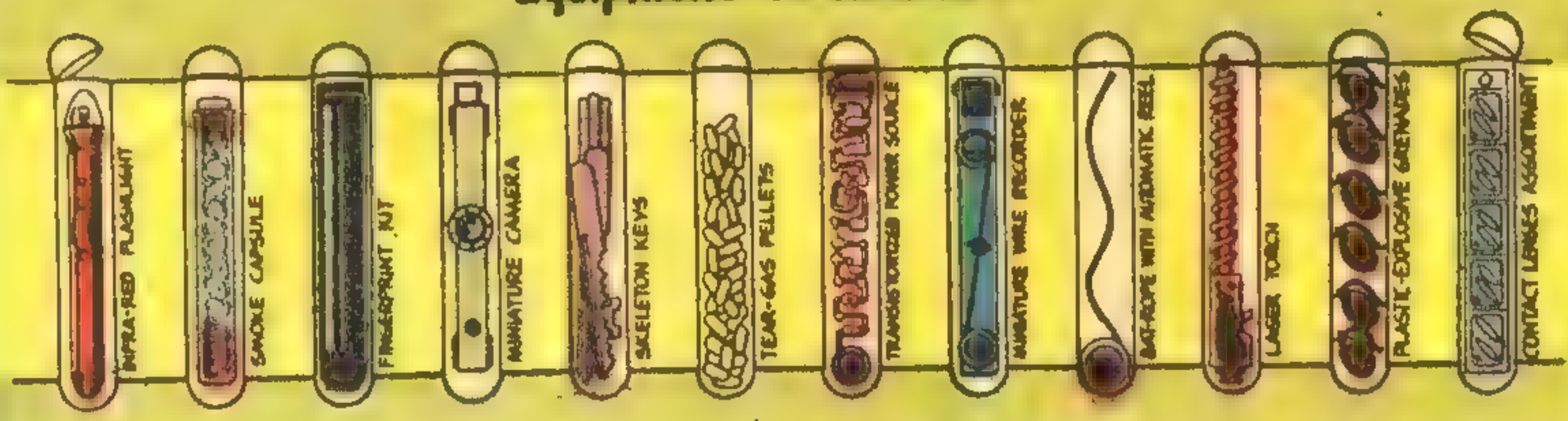

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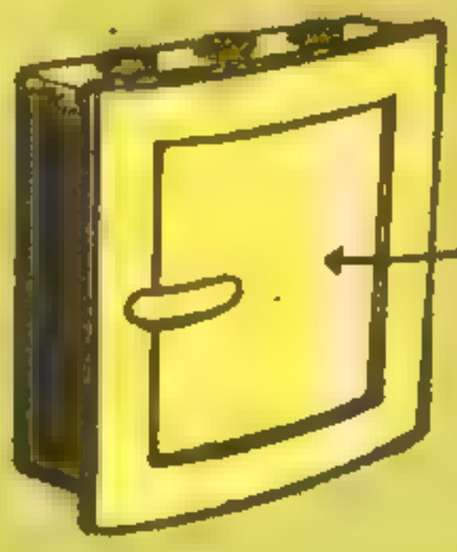

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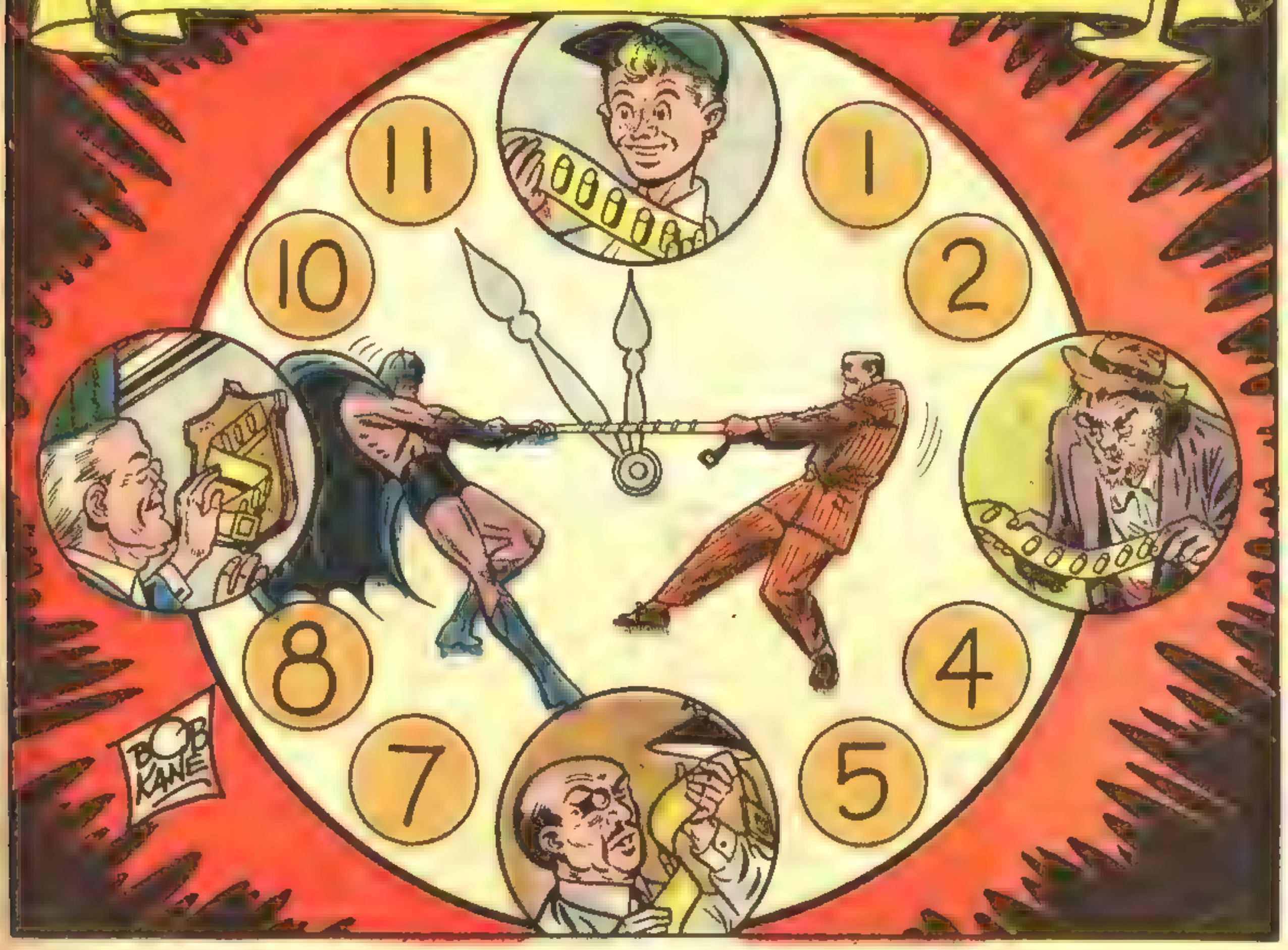
"The SECRET of BATMAN'S UTILITY BELT!"



ONE AFTERNOON, ALONG THE GOTHAM CITY WATERFRONT...

SURE HOPE I CAN FIND SOME OLD TIRES DOWN HERE FOR THE RAFT I'M GOING TO BUILD NEXT SPRING! THERE ARE USUALLY SOME BY... SAY! WHAT'S THIS? A STRANGE *BELT!* HMM I'LL TAKE IT HOME WHERE I CAN GET A BETTER LOOK AT IT!

AND SOON AFTER, IN THE CLUTTERED ROOM OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PAUL HENSON...

GOSH! THIS IS QUITE A BELT I FOUND! MAKES ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT NOT FINDING THE OLD TIRE I WAS AFTER! HMM... IT'S BEEN CUT, BUT I CAN FIX THAT!

NO PARKING

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WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW! A TINY MICROSCOPE AND A MINIATURE CAMERA! AND IN ANOTHER POCKET, SOME STUFF IN A BOTTLE! LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE IS IN HERE!

A BELT WITH POCKETS WHICH CONTAIN STRANGE CHEMICALS, A TINY MICROSCOPE, A MINIATURE CAMERA AND OTHER MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE USED TO FIGHT CRIME! CAN THIS BE... YES! IT *MUST* BE *BATMAN'S* AMAZING *UTILITY BELT!* BUT HOW DID IT COME TO BE LYING ABANDONED ON THE WATERFRONT?

TO FIND OUT, LET'S TURN THE CLOCK BACK SEVERAL HOURS TO A SCENE IN THE CITY'S GIANT ELECTRIC POWER PLANT...

ROBIN WENT AFTER THE OTHER GROUP OF HIJACKERS AND NOW I'VE GOT THESE THREE CORNERED... IN THEIR DESPERATION THEY LEAPED INTO THIS GIANT HOPPER WHICH FEEDS COAL TO THE POWER PLANT'S FURNACES!

COAL

FURNACE

HA, HA! YOU FELL FOR IT, *BATMAN!* WE HAD A PAL WAITING AT THE TOP WITH A ROPE TO LOWER TO US! BUT IT'S FOR *OUR* USE *EXCLUSIVELY!* YOU STAY DOWN HERE!

THIS WHOLE THING WAS A TRAP!

THE COAL IS FED OUT OF THIS HOPPER INTO THE GIANT FURNACE! EVERY MINUTE YOU'LL SINK NEARER AND NEARER THE FLAMES! YOU'RE SURE GONNA HAVE A HOT TIME, **BATMAN!** HA, HA!

THE NOISE FROM THE GENERATORS IS SO LOUD NO ONE OUTSIDE COULD HEAR ME CALL! ALL I CAN DO IS HOPE I'LL BE SPOTTED.

RRRRRRRRRRRRR

THE LEVEL OF COAL IS SINKING ALL THE TIME AND I'M GOING DOWN WITH IT! I CAN ALREADY FEEL THE HEAT FROM THE FURNACE BENEATH ME! IT... IT LOOKS AS IF THE TIME HAS COME!

AND SOME MINUTES LATER...

RRRRRRRRRR

*THEN, FROM A SECRET COMPARTMENT IN HIS UTILITY BELT, **BATMAN** EXTRACTS A SMALL, BLANK DISC AND...*

IF I'M TO DIE LIKE THIS, MY REAL IDENTITY SHOULD BE REVEALED TO THE WORLD! I'VE BEEN CARRYING THIS BLANK IDENTITY DISC FOR JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY! NOW TO POUR ON THE SECRET CHEMICAL.

AH! THE CHEMICAL IS WORKING! IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO **ROBIN**, TOO, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR A CRIMINAL TO IMPERSONATE THE **BATMAN**. SUCH AN IMPOSTOR MIGHT EASILY GET AWAY WITH MURDER UNTIL THE POLICE LEARNED THE TRUTH! THIS WAY THEY'LL KNOW MY CAREER IS...ENDED! IT WON'T BURN, BECAUSE IT'S ASBESTOS!

BRUCE WAYNE (BATMAN) 224 PARK DR. GOTHAM CITY, U.S.A.

SLOWLY, THE COAL IS FED INTO THE BLAZING FURNACE! AND WITH THE PASSING MINUTES THE HEAT INSIDE THE HOPPER INCREASES UNTIL...

THERE'S **BATMAN!** AND HE'S PASSED OUT FROM THE HEAT! QUICK! TURN OFF THE MACHINERY THAT FEEDS COAL TO THE FURNACE!

RIGHT, **ROBIN!**

AND SHORTLY AFTER...

AH! THAT COOL AIR FEELS GOOD! TELL ME, **ROBIN**, HOW DID YOU THINK TO LOOK FOR ME IN THE COAL HOPPER?

I CAUGHT ONE OF THE GANG THAT LED YOU IN THERE. HE WOULDN'T TALK, BUT I NOTICED THAT HIS CLOTHES WERE COVERED WITH COAL DUST! SO I SEARCHED EVERYWHERE IN THE AREA WHERE COAL WAS STORED!

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I'LL PUT THIS IDENTIFICATION DISC WHICH REVEALS THAT I'M BRUCE WAYNE BACK IN MY UTILITY BELT AND DESTROY IT WHEN WE RETURN TO THE *BAT-CAVE!*

WHEN YOU RECENTLY GOT THE IDEA OF A "*BLANK*" DISC WHICH WOULD REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY, ONLY WHEN YOU APPLIED A SECRET CHEMICAL, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE TO USE IT THIS SOON, *BATMAN!*

BUT AS THE TWO HEAD HOMEWARD...

LOOK, *ROBIN!* THE WAREHOUSE IS BEING LOOTED!

THIS CONVEYOR BELT WILL CARRY US RIGHT TO THEM... A COUPLE OF PACKAGES THEY DON'T EXPECT!

BATMAN AND *ROBIN!* UGHHH..

WE'RE FROM THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE! WE ALWAYS MEET "*DISTINGUISHED GUESTS*" AT THE DOCK!

SOK

WHRRRRR

BUT AS **BATMAN** *MOPS UP THE LAST OF THE WATERFRONT CRIMINALS, A STRANGE TWIST OF FATE SETS THE STAGE FOR A GRIM DRAMA WHICH IS YET TO COME...*

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THAT CAP PISTOL WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD NOW, SONNY!

OOO

NOTE: FLYWHEEL ON CONVEYOR MOTOR SPINS AGAINST UTILITY BELT.

LATER, IN THE **BAT-CAVE**...

THE POLICE MUST HAVE THOSE WATERFRONT RATS BEHIND BARS BY NOW, *ROBIN!* LET'S SEE! I WAS GOING TO DESTROY THAT DISC AND... SAY! MY *UTILITY BELT! IT'S GONE!*

AND IT CONTAINED THE DISC WITH YOUR IDENTITY AS BRUCE WAYNE CLEARLY MARKED ON IT!

WITHOUT A WORD, TWO FIGURES LEAP INTO THE SWIFT **BATMOBILE!** *AND AFTER A DASH ACROSS THE CITY...*

IT'S NO USE, *BATMAN!* THE BELT'S JUST NOT HERE!

I WAS SURE IT CAME OFF DURING THE FIGHT WITH THOSE CROOKS! BUT WE'D BETTER SEARCH THE ENTIRE ROUTE BETWEEN HERE AND THE *BAT-CAVE!* HMM... *THIS* COULD BE USEFUL! I'LL ANALYZE IT LATER!

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AND SO IT IS THAT PAUL HENSON HAS AN EXCITING NEW POSSESSION...

BOY! I CAN KEEP THE TINY MICROSCOPE AND THE MINIATURE CAMERA! BUT I WON'T WANT THESE OLD CONTAINERS! I'LL THROW THEM AWAY AND I CAN USE THE POCKETS THEY WERE IN TO CARRY MY *OWN* STUFF!

SMOKE PELLETS

SECRET COMPARTMENT CONTAINING IDENTIFICATION DISC.

GAS CAPSULES

GREAT! MY PET CHAMELEON FITS IN THIS POCKET! AND I CAN CARRY INDIAN NUTS TO FEED THE SQUIRRELS IN ANOTHER! AND IN STILL ANOTHER POCKET I CAN CARRY MARBLES AND...

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INDIAN NUTS

AND WHILE BATMAN'S SCIENTIFIC CRIME-FIGHTING TOOLS ARE BEING DISPLACED BY A YOUTH'S TREASURED POSSESSIONS, LIGHTS BURN LATE IN THE BAT-CAVE...

HMM... THIS CLOD OF EARTH I PICKED UP ON THE DOCK! IT'S THE HIGHEST GRADE OF TOP SOIL! IT COULD COME FROM A GOLF COURSE OR FROM AN *ATHLETIC FIELD!*

CALIF. TOP SOIL

GEORGIA CLAY

SUB SOIL

ARIZ. SAND

LOAM

WHILE I CHECK THE OTHER POSSIBILITIES TOMORROW, *ROBIN*, YOU CAN DO *YOUR* JOB DURING YOUR REGULAR SCHOOL DAY! THE PERSON WHO FOUND MY UTILITY BELT COULD BE A SCHOOL KID... WHAT I FOUND MIGHT BE EARTH FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD! SO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!

NEXT DAY, AS DICK GRAYSON, YOUNG WARD OF FABULOUSLY WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE, LEAVES GOTHAM HIGH...

GO ON HOME AND GET YOUR SKATES, PAUL! WE'RE ALL MEETING AT COBB'S POND!

OKAY!

PAUL HENSON! THAT BELT HE'S WEARING! IT SHOWS JUST A BIT BELOW HIS SWEATER, BUT I'M CERTAIN IT'S THE *UTILITY BELT!* I'D BETTER GO HOME AND REPORT TO BRUCE!

AND LATER, AT THE FROZEN POND...

IT'S JIMMY! HANG ON, FELLER! I'M COMING!

HELP! THE ICE IS BREAKING!

STAND BACK, THE REST OF YOU! DON'T WANT TOO MUCH WEIGHT ON... OH, OH! THE ICE IS STARTING TO CRACK UNDER ME!

CRRRACK!

BUT AS THE RESCUER'S DESPERATE FINGERS GRASP AT THE VERY END OF THE AMAZING UTILITY BELT, THEY MAKE A SURPRISING DISCOVERY...

BATMAN'S SILKEN ROPE IS DRAWN OUT OF BELT LINING LIKE FISHERMAN'S LINE ON REEL!

FUNNY THING I DIDN'T DISCOVER THIS LAST NIGHT! A HIDDEN ROPE!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! I CAN MOVE BACK FROM THE CRACKING EDGE AND JIMMY WILL STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO HOLD ONTO!

AND ON A NEARBY BANK, THE RESCUE SCENE IS CLOSELY WATCHED BY AN EXTREMELY INTERESTED MEMBER OF THE UNDERWORLD...

THAT KID PULLED A ROPE OUT OF HIS BELT... JUST THE WAY BATMAN WHIPS OUT HIS SILKEN ROPE! I THINK I'LL GET A CLOSER LOOK AT IT!

PRESENTLY...

ALL THOSE LITTLE COMPARTMENTS ON THE BELT! IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE! AND YET IT COULD BE...

SAY, KID! THAT BELT OF YOURS... I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE BUCKS FOR IT!

NO, THANKS, MISTER! I LIKED IT WHEN I FOUND IT AND NOW THAT IT'S HELPED SAVE MY PAL'S LIFE... NO, THANKS!

HE SAID HE FOUND IT! IT MUST BE THE UTILITY BELT!

LOOK, KID! I HAVEN'T TIME TO BARGAIN WITH YOU! HAND OVER THE BELT AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!

SAY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? THAT KNIFE DOESN'T SCARE ME! I'M STILL NOT LETTING YOU HAVE MY BELT!

SUDDENLY, A KNIFE BLADE FLASHES! BUT BEFORE IT CAN FIND A TARGET, AN ARM REACHES OUT LIKE A STRIKING COBRA AND...

NO FRESH KID CAN STOP "NIMBLE" HYLE! WHY, I'LL...

OUCH!

YOU'LL DROP THAT KNIFE FOR A STARTER, NIMBLE! SORRY TO BREAK UP YOUR SCHEME TO GET MY UTILITY BELT!

BATMAN'S UTILITY BELT! SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS! BUT... BUT I LET IT DROP WHEN THAT CROOK ATTACKED ME! LOOK! IT LANDED ON TOP OF THE FREIGHT TRAIN! OH, BATMAN! I'M SORRY!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, SON! YOU DIDN'T TURN IT OVER TO NIMBLE! I'M MIGHTY GRATEFUL! AND SPEAKING OF NIMBLE... DON'T BOTHER CHASING HIM, ROBIN! WE'VE MORE IMPORTANT WORK!

IT SEEMS HE OUTSMARTED YOU! BUT WE MAY STILL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH! IF WE GET THAT UTILITY BELT BEFORE HE DOES, WE MAY BE ABLE TO USE IT AS A LURE TO GET HIM IN OUR HANDS AGAIN! I WANT EVERY MAN OUT LOOKIN' FOR THAT BELT... AND DON'T COME BACK WITHOUT IT!

THAT NIGHT, UNAWARE THAT HE CARRIES A PRIZE SOUGHT BY BOTH LAWMAN AND OUTLAW, THE HOBO TAKES REFUGE IN A DARK FREIGHT CAR! AND MOMENTS LATER...

THAT DOG'S BROKEN FROM HIS CAGE! I MUST GET OUT AND... THE DOOR! IT'S JAMMED! AND THAT BEAST IS GOING FOR MY THROAT!

BUT AS BATMAN AND ROBIN FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF THE WONDER BELT, NIMBLE HURRIES TO AN UNDERWORLD HIDEOUT WHERE...

I'M CERTAIN BATMAN DIDN'T GET THE BELT BACK, DRUM! THE KID DROPPED IT AND IT FELL ON A TRAIN!

YOU SAY YOU SAW BATMAN? I THOUGHT YOU GUYS GOT RID OF HIM PERMANENTLY!

AND SO, THE UNDERWORLD IS PITTED AGAINST THE DARING DUO IN A DESPERATE HUNT! BUT WHERE IS THE OBJECT OF ITS SEARCH AT THIS MOMENT?

LET'S SEE WHAT FELL OFF THAT FREIGHT! HMM... MIGHTY INTERESTIN' BELT! MAYBE I CAN SELL IT WHEN I HIT TOWN!

BUT AT THIS MOMENT, THE STRANGE FATE WHICH SEEMS TO FOLLOW BATMAN'S AMAZING BELT ASSERTS ITSELF! AND AS THE HOBO STRUGGLES DESPERATELY WITH THE DOOR...

ARM BRUSHES AGAINST BELT, OPENING COMPARTMENT

PAUL'S CHAMELEON

THAT LIZARD! IT SEEMED TO LEAP RIGHT OUT OF THE BELT I FOUND! IT DISTRACTED THE DOG JUST IN TIME OR HE'D HAVE BEEN AT MY THROAT! AH! THE DOOR FINALLY BUDGED! NOW I CAN GET TO SAFETY!

THUS, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN ONE DAY, A LIFE IS SAVED BY THE ASTOUNDING UTILITY BELT! AND SOMETIME LATER, IN A PAWN SHOP...

I BOUGHT THIS FROM A HOBO YESTERDAY! HE SAID IT HAD SAVED HIS LIFE BUT HE NEEDED MONEY BADLY SO HE LET IT GO!

THOSE LITTLE POCKETS WILL BE GOOD FOR CARRYING MY TOOLS! I'M WORKING ON THE NEW SUBWAY THEY'RE BUILDING!

AFTERWARDS, BENEATH THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY...

BOOM!

ONLY ONE POCKET IN THIS BELT I BOUGHT WAS EMPTY BUT THE OTHERS HAD SOME INTERESTING STUFF IN THEM! I'LL GET A BETTER LOOK AT IT WHEN I CLEAN OUT THE POCKETS TONIGHT! WOW! THAT BLASTIN' IS CLOSE!

SUDDENLY, THERE IS A ROAR LIKE AN UNLEASHED NIAGARA AND...

WHOOSH!

CRASH!

THAT LAST BLAST WAS TOO CLOSE! THE WATER MAIN'S BROKEN! I'D BETTER GET BACK... *OUCH!* THE STEEL GIRDER'S PINNED ME UNDER IT!

THE WATER'S RISING AND... (GASP) ...I CAN'T MOVE! THE PAWNBROKER... (GASP)... SAID THE LIFE OF THE BELT'S LAST OWNER WAS SAVED! WAIT! I REMEMBER SOMETHING IN ONE OF THE POCKETS! ***MY*** LIFE MAY BE SAVED BY THE BELT, TOO!

WITH TREMBLING FINGERS, THE TRAPPED WORKER TAKES SEVERAL OF THE MARBLES WHICH WERE STORED IN THE BELT BY PAUL HENSON AND PLACES THEM UNDER THE GIRDER...

I DON'T KNOW WHY THERE WERE ***MARBLES*** IN THIS BELT! BUT I'M SURE GLAD THEY WERE THERE! NOW I CAN... *HMPH!* THERE! THE HEAVY GIRDER IS ROLLING OFF MY LEG! I'M SAVED!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON...

WE MUST FIND THE UTILITY BELT BEFORE SOMEONE DISCOVERS YOUR IDENTITY DISC, BRUCE! BUT I HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA WHERE TO LOOK!

HERE'S A BREAK, DICK! A SUBWAY WORKER NAMED JACK FENLEY HAS A BELT WE MUST SEE! QUICK! LET'S SWITCH TO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!**

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WORKER SAVED BY MARBLES IN BELT!

PRESENTLY...

GOSH! THAT BELT IS SURE CAUSIN' A FUSS! THERE WERE SEVERAL GUYS HERE AN HOUR AGO ASKING ABOUT IT! BUT I DON'T HAVE IT NOW!

YOU... YOU MEAN THESE MEN WHO WERE HERE... **THEY** HAVE IT?

NO! RIGHT AFTER MY ACCIDENT, AN OLD CHARACTER NAMED HENRY WORTHING, WHO SAID HE WAS A COLLECTOR OF LEATHER, SHOWED UP! HE OFFERED ME SUCH A GOOD PRICE I COULDN'T TURN HIM DOWN! BUT, **BATMAN!** YOU'RE WEARING A BELT JUST LIKE IT!

YES! I MADE A DUPLICATE AFTER MINE WAS LOST! THIS ONE IS... ER... **ALMOST** LIKE THE ORIGINAL! COME ON, **ROBIN!** LET'S LOOK UP MR. WORTHING!

MEANWHILE, AT THE HOME OF HENRY WORTHING...

THIS ODD BELT WILL MAKE A FINE ADDITION TO MY LEATHER COLLECTION! I'LL JUST PUT THE VARIOUS ITEMS BACK IN THE POCKETS FROM WHICH I TOOK THEM! LET'S SEE, THE TINY FLASHLIGHT, THE KEYS, THE INDIAN NUTS...

HMM... HERE'S SOMETHING I DIDN'T TAKE OUT TO EXAMINE! IT FEELS LIKE A ROUND, FLAT DISC OF SOME KIND! LET'S SEE... HOW DO I GET AT IT!

IS THE SECRET OF **BATMAN'S** IDENTITY ABOUT TO BE REVEALED AT LAST?

BUT, SUDDENLY...

ALL RIGHT, POP! WE'RE TAKING YOUR NEW TOY! AND DON'T LET OUT A PEEP OR IT'LL BE YOUR LAST!

BUT... BUT WHY ARE YOU...

YOU HEARD WHAT THE MAN SAID! **QUIET!**

AND A MOMENT LATER...

HEY, ROCKY! LOOK! IT'S **BATMAN!**

YUH THINK I'M BLIND? I SPOTTED HIM BEFORE **YOU** DID! QUICK! INTO THE CAR AND LET'S LAM OUT OF HERE!

STEP ON IT, YOU FOOL!

WHAT DO YUH THINK I WAS DOIN'? BUT THE *BATMOBILE'S* CUT IN FRONT OF US!

ROCKY'S GOT THE BELT AND *BATMAN'S* TACKLED HIM! HMM... IF I COULD ONLY FIGURE SOME WAY TO GET THAT BELT FROM *BOTH* OF THEM, I'D BE TOPS WITH DRUM!

"HA, HA! IF YOU DIDN'T DEPEND SO MUCH ON YOUR GUN, YOU'D HAVE SEEN THAT ONE COMING!

THEN, MOMENTS AFTER...

HELP! HELP! I'M TRAPPED!

THIS CHARACTER IS HOLDING ON LIKE A BULLDOG! IT MAY TAKE ME A FEW MOMENTS TO BREAK HIS GRIP! BUT MEANWHILE, THAT MAN IS IN DANGER! HMM... THIS CALLS FOR A QUICK DECISION!

HA! THE FIRE I STARTED DID THE TRICK! I *THOUGHT BATMAN* WOULD DROP EVERYTHING TO SAVE A LIFE... THE FOOL! NOW I'LL KNOCK OUT ROCKY BEFORE HE KNOWS WHAT'S HAPPENING AND TAKE THE BELT!

PRESENTLY...

WHILE I WAS HANDLING ONE OF THOSE CROOKS, ANOTHER GOT AWAY WITH THE BELT! WHAT HAPPENED, *BATMAN?*

THE MAIN THING IS THAT I WAS ABLE TO SAVE MR. WORTHING, *ROBIN!* AS FOR THE REST, WELL, I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT PLENTY TO DO... AND WE MUST WORK *FAST!*

BUT CAN THE DUO WORK FAST ENOUGH? FOR SOON AFTER, IN AN UNDERWORLD HIDEOUT...

GOOD WORK, PHIL! YOU GOT THE BELT! BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ROCKY AND THE OTHERS?

THEY JUST DIDN'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES, DRUM! IT BREAKS MY HEART TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT THOSE POOR BOYS WERE ALL TAKEN IN HAND BY *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN!*

NOW WE'LL ARRANGE TO HAVE WORD GET OUT BY "ACCIDENT" AS TO WHERE THE UTILITY BELT IS BEING KEPT! THEN, UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, BATMAN WILL WALK RIGHT INTO OUR TRAP! SAY! WHAT'S THIS DISC I FEEL?

WELL, WELL! WHAT DO YOU KNOW! A DISC WITH BATMAN'S IDENTITY ON IT! NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE A CHANCE THAT HE'LL COME TO US... WE'RE GOING TO HIM! HA, HA! THIS DISC EVEN GIVES HIS ADDRESS!

THAT NIGHT, OUTSIDE A LAVISH MANSION ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY...

THERE THEY ARE! A MAN AND A BOY PLAYING HANDBALL! SO THAT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN! ALL RIGHT! WE'RE TAKING NO CHANCES! SET UP THE MACHINE GUN AND LET 'EM HAVE IT!

BUT AS THE MAN AND BOY CONTINUE THEIR VIGOROUS GAME OF HANDBALL, A STRANGE THING HAPPENS...

NICE OF YOU BOYS TO DROP AROUND... AND JUST WHEN WE WERE EXPECTING YOU!

BATMAN! ROBIN! BUT THIS CAN'T BE!

PRESENTLY, AFTER THE POLICE ARRIVE...

WHEN YOU MADE THE DUPLICATE BELT I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE PUTTING IN ANOTHER IDENTIFICATION DISC... ONE WITH A FAKE IDENTITY ON IT, BATMAN!

YOU WERE BUSY, ROBIN! LATER, THINGS HAPPENED SO FAST I HADN'T TIME TO EXPLAIN! BUT I FIGURED THE FALSE IDENTIFICATION MIGHT COME IN HANDY! WHEN I WAS WRESTLING WITH ROCKY, I SWITCHED BELTS! I'M WEARING THE ORIGINAL NOW!

IT WAS MIGHTY BRAVE OF MY FRIEND, BILL WEAVER, AND HIS SON DON TO OFFER TO HAVE THE NAME "BILL WEAVER" AND THIS ADDRESS PUT ON THE IDENTIFICATION DISC AFTER I EXPLAINED THE SITUATION!

I GET IT! YOU KNEW THE CROOKS WOULD COME TO THE ADDRESS ON THE DISC THINKING IT WAS THE REAL HOME OF BATMAN AND ROBIN! THAT WAY WE COULD NAB 'EM!

SUDDENLY, THE HANDBALL COURT IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS AS...

BATMAN! WE'D BETTER TELL DON AND HIS DAD THEY CAN STOP PLAYING HANDBALL NOW AND... HEY! THE LIGHTS! SOMEONE PUT THEM OUT!

THIS IS "DRUM" CARTER! I SWITCHED OFF THE LIGHTS! YOU THOUGHT THOSE COPS HAD ME SAFELY IN HAND! BUT I FOOLED 'EM! NOW I'M READY TO MAKE A BARGAIN WITH YOU, BATMAN!

YOU CAN'T SEE ME AND I CAN'T SEE YOU! BUT IF I START SHOOTING AROUND THE ROOM, YOUR FRIENDS MAY GET HURT! THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO UNLESS YOU PROMISE ME SAFE CONDUCT THROUGH THE POLICE LINES!

I'LL STALL HIM UNTIL I THROW OUT THE GAS CAPSULE IN MY UTILITY BELT! AH, OH! IT'S NOT THERE! THE POCKET'S FILLED WITH LITTLE NUTS! HMM... MAYBE I CAN USE THEM!

QUICKLY, BATMAN ROLLS A HANDFUL OF THE INDIAN NUTS OVER THE FLOOR! AND THEN...

AH! IT WORKED! YOU STEPPED ON THE NUTS I SPREAD ON THE FLOOR AND THE CRACKING SOUND GAVE AWAY YOUR POSITION!

CRACK! CRACK!

SOME DAYS AFTER, AT THE HOME OF BILL WEAVER AND HIS SON, DON...

MIGHTY FINE FEED YOU PUT ON, MR. WEAVER! AND IT SURE IS SWELL TO MEET THE REST OF THE FOLKS WHOSE PATHS WERE CROSSED BY THE UTILITY BELT!

BY THE WAY, PAUL! I BELIEVE THESE MARBLES AND INDIAN NUTS BELONG TO YOU! THEY FITTED NEATLY INTO THE BELT'S POCKETS, BUT I THINK I'LL PUT IN A NEW SET OF GAS AND SMOKE CAPSULES JUST THE SAME!

MAY, 1968

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GIANT BATMAIL

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed your latest GIANT BATMAN very much. I always have wondered what the original dates were for the stories you reprint. In "The Origin of Batman," I thought sure that during the last fight one of those gangsters had Batman pinned. They had him at point-blank range. Now, wasn't that amazing? A man trying to escape three guns sound rather impossible, doesn't it? But I guess that's the way the Kleenex tears! Also, why didn't you put "The Crimes of Batman" in a WORLD'S FINEST GIANT? And I didn't see Superman in it. If that's a WORLD'S FINEST story, where was Superman? Anyway, all the stories were very, very good. Thank you for telling us the dates.

CHUCK HUFFMAN
RALEIGH, N.C.

(Superman was in that issue of WF—but in his own story. Originally, the two heroes were featured separately in the mag; WF No. 71 was the first issue to feature the Superman-Batman team.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

I know you call the Joker the Clown Prince of Crime. So who do you call the King of Crime?

TERRI MOREFIELD
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

(Probably every villain Batman has fought would claim the title, but perhaps the Monarch of Menace should get it. Don't you agree? By the way, give our regards to the folks in the Editor's home town. E.N.B. grew up in Oklahoma City.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading your latest GIANT BATMAN and it was terrif! But what about Robin? He isn't even shown on the cover. In your next Giant, why not give the origins of Robin, Joker, Catwoman, Penguin and others? I've been reading BATMAN for years and I do not know the origins of any of the characters I've mentioned.

STEVE BALTON
MANCHESTER, N.H.

(We'll probably get around to all of them, eventually. We have tentative plans to put the Catwoman's origin in the next *GIANT BATMAN*, together with other stories of The Women in Batman's life. If our plans go through, you'll be seeing it on the stands in about six months.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

The latest issue of GIANT BATMAN was pretty good, but Robin looks like a little 10-year,old! Why don't you make him as old as he is in BATMAN and TEEN TITANS? Are you sure they're the same person? Make him look older in GIANT BATMAN.

ANONYMOUS
WESTFIELD, N.J.

(My dear mystery reader—Robin is younger in the *GIANTS* because he was younger when the stories were first printed! Don't you think the Boy Wonder ever aged? Editor.)

Dear Editor:

After reading your latest BATMAN 80 PAGE GIANT, I am very, very impressed with the calibre of the magazine you are producing. Is there are way of putting out more Giants per year—or giving us a special $1.00 one? Also, I recall that in the old BATMAN mag of some years back, there was a section reserved for Alfred's adventures. Is there any possibility of reprinting some of these tales? I don't know whether you read these letters, since this is my sixth or seventh one. And do you take suggestions?

W. SOBOREN
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

(Yes, W., the letters are read. E. Nelson scans every one with his very own beady, little eyes. He also writes these clever (?) answers—even if he does refer to himself in the third person. And as for suggestions—we at DC would be real saps if we didn't take the good ones that come in. Sure—we'll give your ideas some thought and see if they are feasible.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

Your stories are the greatest. You don't have to be a Batman to find evidence for this statement. All us amateurs (25 BATMAN issues or less) have to do is read BATMAN GIANT No. 198. Most of the stories are older than I am. Now I know what is meant when people talk about "respect for your elders." The story that thrilled me most was the one and only "Origin of the Batman." Good luck on future issues.

SCOTT COFFEL
FAR ROCKAWAY, N.Y.

(How do you like this ish, Scott? The newest story is 11 years old! We hope you dig that brand-new feature on *THE BATCAVE-1968*, too.—Editor.)

Dear Editor:

Back in WF No. 163, a boy stated in the letter page that the Penguin's real name was Mr. Boniface. But in GIANT BATMAN No. 198, he is Oswald Chesterfield Cobblepot. I must know—WHICH is right?

DAN RYNER
WINTERSET, IOWA

(Our research shows the Penguin was using the name Boniface in the first story in which he clashed with Batman—*DETECTIVE* No. 58. But in light of the fact that his aunt knows him as Oswald Cobblepot, it's obvious that Boniface was only an alias.—Editor.)

(Remember—the address for all comments on this ish is GIANT BATMAIL, National Periodical Publications, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. 10011.)

BATMAN WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

FAMOUS ARE THE WEAPONS WHICH **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** USE IN THEIR WAR AGAINST CROOKS... THE MIGHTY **BATMOBILE**, THE SWIFT **BAT-PLANE**, UTILITY-BELTS, ROPES, AND BELT-RADIOS! NOT SO WELL-KNOWN, HOWEVER, IS THEIR STRANGEST PIECE OF EQUIPMENT-- THE **BATARANG!** HERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS THE FULL STORY OF THAT DEVICE--THE ORIGIN, THE DIFFERENT FORMS AND DRAMATIC USES OF...

THE 100 BATARANGS OF BATMAN

BOB KANE

WHEN **WE** TRY TO THROW THE **BATARANGS**, THEY COME BACK TO HIT **US!**

BATMAN HAS MANY ADMIRERS--BUT NONE MORE DEVOTED THAN ELMER MASON...

OH, PSHAW! WHO'S AT THE DOOR NOW? JUST WHEN I WAS FINISHING UP MY LATEST BATMAN SCRAPBOOK!

KNOCK KNOCK

MR. MASON, WE'RE BATMAN ADMIRERS, TOO--AND WE UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE SOME FINE FILMS OF BATMAN IN ACTION!

YES, I BOUGHT SOME USED FILMS FROM NEWSREEL MEN! I'D BE GLAD TO SHOW THEM TO FELLOW BATMAN-ENTHUSIASTS!

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AS THE PROUD COLLECTOR BEGINS EXHIBITING HIS MOVIE SCRAPBOOK...

UH...PICTURES OF BATMAN USING THE BATARANG ARE WHAT WE'RE MOST INTERESTED IN!

I'VE SOME SPLENDID SHOTS OF HIM DOING THAT! I'LL SHOW YOU...

FINE--THAT'S JUST WHAT WE WANT! WE'LL TAKE THOSE PARTICULAR FILMS WITH US!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TAKE THEM? I WON'T LET YOU!

BUT A STUNNING BLOW DESCENDS, AND...

OH-H... MY HEAD!

HAW! THESE FILMS ARE GONNA HELP US PAY BATMAN BACK WITH HIS OWN STUNT!

SOON, WHEN ELMER MASON RECOVERS ENOUGH TO GO TO THE POLICE...

I WASN'T COMPLETELY UNCONSCIOUS, COMMISSIONER GORDON--AND I HEARD, THEM!

I'LL CALL BATMAN AT ONCE--THOUGH IT PUZZLES ME WHY CROOKS WOULD WANT TO STEAL SUCH FILMS!

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WITHIN MINUTES, AT THE MANSION OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

LOOK... THE BAT-SIGNAL, BRUCE!

OUR CALL SIGN FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS! LET'S GO, DICK...

DOWN IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE, A SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB..

GOTHAM CITY'S BEEN SO QUIET LATELY... WONDER WHAT'S BROKEN NOW?

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT-- AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!

SHORTLY, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

...AND AS THE THIEVES STOLE THOSE FILMS, ONE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT PAYING YOU BACK WITH YOUR OWN STUNT!

HMM... AND THEY TOOK ONLY THE FILMS THAT SHOWED ME USING THE BATARANG, EH?

APPARENTLY, THEY WANT TO LEARN HOW TO THROW THE BATARANG THEMSELVES-- SO THEY CAN USE IT AS A CRIME WEAPON!

BUT HOW WOULD A CRIMINAL KNOW ABOUT ITS CAPABILITIES AND USES?

WHOEVER WE'VE CAPTURED WITH IT WOULD REMEMBER HOW IT WAS USED! GOING OVER OUR PAST BATARANG CASES WOULD GIVE US A LIST OF SUSPECTS!

I HOPE YOU GET A LEAD-- THIS THING BEGINS TO WORRY ME!

AND IT'S A WORRIED DUO THAT RETURNS TO THE BAT-CAVE..

WE HAVEN'T ANY IDEA WHICH KIND OF BATARANG THOSE CROOKS PLAN TO USE!

BUT WE CAN STILL FORM A LIST OF SUSPECTS BY CHECKING PAST CASES...

OF COURSE, IT COULDN'T BE OUR BATARANG X! WE'VE KEPT THAT ONE LOCKED UP, BECAUSE IT'S SO DANGEROUS!

YOU'RE RIGHT... IT'S HARD TO SEE HOW ANY CROOK COULD HAVE LEARNED ITS SECRET!

BATARANG X

WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THIS MYSTERY-BATARANG? WHATEVER IT IS...

...BATMAN AND ROBIN PASS IT BY, TO BEGIN THEIR SEARCH FOR A CLUE...

HERE'S THE FIRST BATARANG I EVER USED--THE ONE LEE COLLINS GAVE ME!

COLLINS--HE WAS AN AUSTRALIAN, WASN'T HE?

YES, AND A MASTER OF HIS PECULIAR SKILL! I'LL NEVER FORGET THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM...

"I HAD TRAILED A WANTED THIEF TO THE CIRCUS, [redacted] TRIED TO LOSE ME IN THE CROWD..."

I DON'T SEE BARD, BUT I KNOW HE'S SOMEWHERE HERE!

PRESENTING THAT WIZARD OF THE STRANGE AUSTRALIAN DEVICE, THE BOOMERANG--LEE COLLINS!

"JUST AS COLLINS BEGAN HIS BRILLIANT ACT, I SPOTTED MY MAN..."

THE BOOMERANG IS THE ONLY OBJECT IN THE WORLD THAT COMES BACK TO ITS THROWER--AND I NOW HAVE SIX OF THEM COMING BACK TO ME!

THERE'S BARD... BUT HE'S SEEN ME--HE'S ESCAPING!

"AS I STARTED AFTER HIM..."

BATMAN, HE'S WAITING BEHIND THAT WAGON--AND HE'S GOT A GUN!

I'VE GOT TO GO AFTER HIM ANYWAY!

MAYBE I CAN HELP!..

BARD'S GIRLS

"COLLINS FLUNG HIS BOOMERANG WITH PERFECT AIM..."

HUH--? WHAT'S THAT?

WHACK!

"THE DIVERSION LASTED LESS THAN A SECOND--BUT THAT WAS ALL THE TIME I NEEDED..."

THANKS, COLLINS!

"AFTERWARD, WHEN POLICE HAD TAKEN BARD AWAY.."

YOUR BOOMERANGS INTEREST ME, COLLINS... I'LL BET I COULD PUT THEM TO GOOD USE!

WHY, I'D BE GLAD TO SHOW YOU ALL I KNOW ABOUT BOOMERANGS, BATMAN! I KNOW THE GREAT WORK YOU DO AS A LAWMAN!

Fortune

"COLLINS KEPT HIS WORD, TEACHING ME EVERY DETAIL OF THE DEVICE..."

THAT'S IT, BATMAN--THROW IT FORWARD VERTICALLY! ITS SHAPE MAKES IT SLANT IN A HORIZONTAL PATH, TO CURVE AROUND BACK TO YOU!

I WANT TO HAVE ABSOLUTE CONTROL--SINCE I'M GOING TO USE THIS NOT AS A WEAPON, BUT AS A SORT OF EXTENSION-ARM!

WHEN COLLINS DEPARTED WITH HIS SHOW, HE MADE ME A PRESENT..."

NOW THAT YOU'RE AS SKILLFUL AS I AM, BATMAN, I'VE MADE THIS SPECIAL BOOMERANG FOR YOU! IT'S A SORT OF BAT-ARANG, WITH BAT-LIKE WINGS!

THANKS, COLLINS... I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR HELP!

SO THAT'S HOW THE BATA-RANG ORIGINATED! MAYBE THAT CROOK COLLINS HELPED YOU CAPTURE IS THE MAN WE WANT!

IF HE'S OUT OF PRISON BY NOW, WE'LL ADD BARD TO OUR LIST OF SUSPECTS.

NOW--HOW ABOUT THIS MAGNETIC BATARANG?

I REMEMBER WE MADE THAT ONE SPECIALLY, WHEN WE WERE AFTER A COUNTERFEIT MOB...

"TROUBLE WAS, WE COULD NEVER SECURE PROOF OF THEIR GUILT..."

THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN, BATMAN—DROPPED THE STEEL MONEY-PRINTING PLATES INTO DESTROYING ACID!

YOU'VE GOT NO PROOF NOW THEY WERE COUNTERFEIT-PLATES, SO YOU CAN'T TAKE US IN!

"AS THEIR SECRET ALARM WENT OFF, THE COUNTERFEITERS SNATCHED THE STEEL PLATES FROM THE PRESS TO DESTROY THEM, BUT..."

EEYOW! A BATARANG IT'S PICKED UP THE PLATES!

AND IT'S TAKING THEM BACK OUT!

"BUT, WHEN WE TRIED AGAIN, SOME NIGHTS LATER..."

THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN... THEY HAVE TO KEEP THE WINDOW OPEN BECAUSE OF THE FUMES FROM THAT ACID!

THIS TIME, THEIR STEEL PLATES WON'T REACH THE ACID! COME ON...

"THE MAGNETIC BATARANG BROUGHT THE INCRIMINATING PLATES RIGHT BACK TO MY HAND!"

NOW THAT WE HAVE THE EVIDENCE TO CONVICT THEM, WE CAN GRAB THEM!

RIGHT!

THEY WENT TO JAIL, BUT THEY MIGHT HAVE SERVED THEIR TIME BY NOW--SO THEY'RE SUSPECTS, TOO! BATMAN, DO YOU SUPPOSE ANY OF THEM COULD HAVE LEARNED ABOUT BATARANGX?

IMPOSSIBLE! IT MUST BE SOME OTHER BATARANG THEY'RE PLANNING TO USE!

MAGNETIC BATARANG

IT COULD BE THIS SEEING-EYE BATARANG! REMEMBER WHEN HE USED IT?

YES--AT A MOVIE-STUDIO ROBBERY!

"WE GOT THE POLICE FLASH RIGHT HERE IN THE BAT-CAVE..."

PAYROLL BANDITS BELIEVED TO BE HIDING SOMEWHERE IN GOTHAM STUDIOS-- BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN FOUND!

COME ON, ROBIN-- CORNERED BANDITS ARE DANGEROUS! WE'D BETTER TAKE SOME SPECIAL EQUIPMENT!

"THE BIG STUDIO WAS A SCENE OF TENSION WHEN WE ARRIVED..."

WE STOPPED THEM FROM GRABBING THE PAYROLL, BUT THEY RETREATED IN THERE! THEY'RE HEAVILY ARMED... TO HUNT THEM OUT WILL BE DANGEROUS!

NOT IF WE KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THEY ARE... AND MAYBE WE CAN FIND OUT FAST!

"YOU THREW THE SEEING-EYE BATARANG OUT OVER THE MASS OF SETS..."

FORTUNATELY, MOVIE-SET BUILDINGS ARE FAKES, WITHOUT ROOFS OR CEILINGS!

I DON'T GET IT... DOES BATMAN THINK HE CAN SCARE THEM OUT WITH HIS BATARANG?

"AS THE BATARANG CURVED BACK AROUND TO YOUR HAND..."

I'M AFRAID YOUR WEAPON DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING, BATMAN! THEY'RE STILL HIDING IN THERE!

TRUE...

...BUT NOW WE CAN SEE JUST WHERE THEY'RE HIDING, THANKS TO THE PICTURES AUTOMATICALLY TAKEN BY THE CAMERA IN THE SEEING-EYE BATARANG AS IT FLEW OVER THEM!

"AN INSTANT-DEVELOPING PICTURE SHOWED THEM UP CLEARLY..."

THEY'RE INSIDE THAT ORIENTAL-TEMPLE SET, BATMAN!

RIGHT-- WE'LL TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE, NOW THAT WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE! COME ON, ROBIN...

"KNOWING JUST WHERE THEY WERE, IT TOOK ONLY MOMENTS FOR US TO ACT..."

THERE THEY ARE--JUST WHERE THE CAMERA SHOWED THEM!

HUH--? THAT BATARANG HE THREW, TOOK A PICTURE OF... OOF!

MY SLIP-OF-THE-TONGUE, THAT TIME, LET THEM KNOW THE TRICK OF THE SEEING-EYE BATARANG... SO THEY'RE SUSPECTS, TOO!

YES--BUT I DOUBT IF THAT'S THE BATARANG THEY PLAN TO USE! AND I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THEY KNOW ABOUT BATARANG X!

FLASH GUN BATARANG

BOMB BATARANG

HERE'S A BATARANG THAT WAS ONLY USED ONCE--BUT IT SAVED COMMISSIONER GORDON! YOU WEREN'T THERE AT THE TIME, ROBIN...

"WE WERE SEPARATELY SEARCHING FOR JAY GARRIS THAT NIGHT, AND IT WAS I WHO FINALLY SPOTTED HIM..."

HE SWORE REVENGE ON COMMISSIONER GORDON--AND HE'S GOING TO PUSH THOSE COPING-STONES DOWN ON HIM! MY VOICE WON'T REACH THE COMMISSIONER, AND I CAN'T GET THERE IN TIME!

"WITH ONLY A MOMENT TO WARN HIM, I TOOK A TOOL FROM MY UTILITY BELT AND BORED A SMALL HOLE THROUGH MY BATARANG..."

"AND AS I THREW IT, FAR UP THE STREET BEHIND THE COMMISSIONER, CAUSING AIR TO SHOOT THROUGH THAT TINY APERTURE..."

THE WHISTLE IT'S MAKING SHOULD TURN THE COMMISSIONER AROUND!

WHY--THAT SOUNDS LIKE A POLICE-WHISTLE!

WHEEE

"TRUE TO HIS DUTY AS ALWAYS, THE COMMISSIONER HASTILY WENT BACK THE WAY HE'D COME!"

AND NOW I CAN GO AFTER GARRIS!

GARRIS LEARNED THE POWER OF THE BATARANG THAT NIGHT--SO HE'S A SUSPECT, TOO!

YES-- I NEVER REALIZED TILL NOW THAT CROOKS WHO SAW THE BATARANG WOULD TRY TO GET IT! THANK GOODNESS NONE OF THEM EVER SAW BATARANG X!

AND AS THE DUO CHECKS THE HISTORY OF OTHER BATARANGS...

THIS IS THE FLASH-BULB BATARANG WE USED TO SPOT THE MIDNIGHT MOB!

AND WE USED THIS ROPE BATARANG...

"...TO CARRY OUR ROPE UP TO THE PENT-HOUSE HIDEOUT OF THAT WANTED SWINDLER, MATT HOWLAND!"

THAT LOOPS MY ROPE AROUND THE PENTHOUSE CHIMNEY... I'LL CLIMB UP FAST!

WELL--WE'VE NOW GOT MORE THAN A DOZEN SUSPECTS... CROOKS WHO KNOW THE VARIOUS ABILITIES OF THE BATARANG, BECAUSE WE CAUGHT THEM WITH IT!

WE'LL RUN THESE NAMES THROUGH OUR CRIME-FILE!

SOON...

ALL BUT THREE OF THOSE SUSPECTS ARE STILL IN PRISON! THAT LEAVES JAY GARRIS, WHITEY MANTELL, AND MATT HOWLAND AS SUSPECTS!

ALL DANGEROUS MOB-LEADERS! THE CARD-SORTING MACHINE WILL ALSO GIVE US THE NAMES AND PHOTOS OF THEIR KNOWN ASSOCIATES!

AND WITH THOSE PHOTOS, BATMAN AND ROBIN GO TO THE HOME OF A DEVOTED ADMIRER...

THESE ARE THE TWO WHO SLUGGED ME AND STOLE THE FILMS THAT SHOWED YOU USING THE BATARANG!

THANKS, MASON-- YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP!

MINUTES LATER, AS THEY BEGIN THEIR SEARCH...

THOSE TWO WERE PART OF JAY GARRIS' MOB-- SO GARRIS IS THE ONE WHO'S PLANNING TO USE THE BATARANG FOR CRIME!

YES-- HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON THREE MONTHS AGO! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM FAST!

AND THE TRAIL OF A NOTORIOUS MOBSTER SOON LEADS TO...

A DESERTED OFF-SHORE ISLAND, RENTED BY GARRIS! BUT WHAT ARE HE AND HIS MOB PREPARING THERE?

WE HAVE TO FIND OUT-- BUT WE CAN'T APPROACH IN A BOAT WITHOUT BEING SEEN, AND THE BAT-PLANE WOULD BE HEARD...

...SO WE'LL HAVE TO USE BATARANG X!

IT'LL BE DANGEROUS, YET, I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER WAY!

MEANWHILE, ON THE MOBSTERS' ISLAND... A BATARANG IS HURLED, AND...

NOW THAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM THOSE FILMS HOW TO THROW THE BATARANG, WE'LL TRY OUT OUR SPECIAL ONE!

THIS IS A BATARANG THAT BATMAN NEVER DREAMED OF!

SWELL! THE BOMB BATARANG YOU MADE WORKS LIKE A CHARM!

WITH IT, WE CAN HIT ANY TARGET... AND THESE BATARANGS ARE MADE WITH ALTERED WINGS SO THEY WON'T RETURN TO US!

BOOM

WE'VE GOT ENOUGH BOMB BATARANGS TO LOOT GOTHAM CITY... WE CAN CURVE THEM THROUGH WINDOWS, INTO ANY PLACE! IN THE MORNING, WE'LL START OUR RAIDS!

HA, HA... WHAT A SURPRISE FOR BATMAN!

BUT, BEFORE MORNING COMES...

SWING UP THE CATAPULT, AND WE'LL GET BATARANG X INTO THE HURLING POSITION!

I STILL THINK THIS IS TOO RISKY FOR YOU, BATMAN!

UP FROM THE COVERED DECK OF THE BATMOBILE RISES A POWERFUL CATAPULT-LAUNCHER...

BATARANG X -- THE GIANT BATARANG... OUR BEST CHANCE TO GET ONTO THAT ISLAND SECRETLY!

BE CAREFUL, BATMAN -- IT'S A TRICKY THING!

THE POWERFUL CATAPULT HURLS OUT THE GIANT BATARANG, BEARING A HUMAN FIGURE...

SILENTLY AS A HUGE BAT, BATARANG X CURVES LOW OVER THE ISLAND...

MUST GET MY ROPE OVER THAT TREE, WITHOUT BREAKING ANY BRANCHES OR MAKING A NOISE...

A FLYING SHADOW PLUNGES FROM THE CIRCLING, HUGE BATARANG...

... AND, SILENTLY AS IT CAME, THE BIG BATARANG RETURNS TO ITS SENDER...

DID BATMAN SWING OFF IT SAFELY? EVEN FOR AN ACROBAT LIKE HIM, IT'S A TOUGH FEAT! CAN'T HEAR A THING...

BUT ALREADY, IN THE SHED BEHIND THE MOBSTERS' HIDEOUT...

BOMB BATARANGS! SO THAT'S WHAT GARRIS HAS PLANNED! WELL--MAYBE I CAN GIVE HIM A SURPRISE...

AT DAWN, WHEN THE CRIMINALS EMERGE...

LOOK... BATMAN!

QUICK--USE THE BOMB BATARANGS!

BUT AS THEY HURL THE SINISTER BATARANGS...

HE DUCKED THEM--AND THEY'RE COMING BACK TOWARD US!

LOOK OUT! OUR OWN BOMB BATARANGS ARE GONNA HIT US!

NO... I TOOK OUT THE EXPLOSIVES YOU PUT IN THEM, GARRIS--AND ALTERED THE WINGS SO THEY'D COME RIGHT BACK TO HIT THE THROWERS! I DON'T THINK I'LL HAVE MUCH TROUBLE WITH YOU THREE NOW!

AND SO, LATER, BACK AT THE BAT-CAVE...

WE KEPT THE SECRET OF BATARANG X--AND THOSE CROOKS ARE BACK IN JAIL! WHAT A RELIEF!

IT'S IRONIC, IN A WAY! THE BATARANG, EVEN WHEN THEY THREW IT THEMSELVES, WAS WHAT CONQUERED THEM IN THE END!

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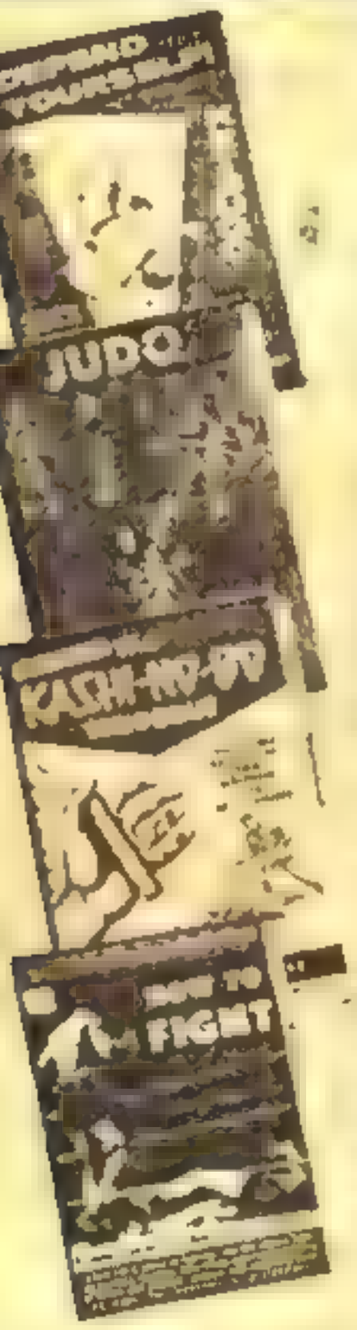

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SECRET OF THE BATMOBILE

BATMAN WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

THE BATMOBILE'S FOLLOWING US UPRIVER... BUT HOW CAN IT?

BOB KANE

A ROAR OF POWER, A FLASHING CAR--AND ONCE AGAIN, A MENACE TO GOTHAM CITY IS ON THE LOOSE...

BATMAN, THERE HE GOES--THE RACER! HE MUST BE GETTING AWAY FROM ANOTHER THEFT!

I FIGURED WE'D SEE HIM FROM HERE IF HE STRUCK AGAIN! QUICK, SWING DOWN TO THE BATMOBILE

AND SWIFTLY, THE GRIM BLACK CAR OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TAKES UP THE PURSUIT...

HE'S A MENACE TO TRAFFIC AS WELL AS A LAWBREAKER... WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE VANISHES MYSTERIOUSLY AGAIN!

HE WAS HEADING TOWARD **WEST AVENUE**... WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM THERE!

BUT **BATMAN** LITTLE DREAMS THAT FATE HAS A RENDEZVOUS WITH HIM ON THE STREET AHEAD...

...IN THE PERSON OF VICKI VALE, IRRE-PRESSIBLE GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER OF **VUE MAGAZINE!**

THANKS FOR GUIDING ME... MY PICTURES OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC CABLEMEN AT WORK WILL MAKE A SWELL FEATURE!

GLAD TO HELP, MISS VALE! BUT WAIT--KEEP DOWN! THERE'S A CAR COMING FAST!

THE **BATMOBILE!** WHAT A CHANCE FOR A DRAMATIC SHOT OF IT IN ACTION!

THAT MANHOLE IS OPEN, **BATMAN!**

I CAN STRADDLE IT... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE **THE RACER** HAS OUTRUN US AND VANISHED AGAIN!

POP!

AND AFTER A VAIN SEARCH...

SORRY YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR MAN-- BUT I GOT MY PICTURE... A TERRIFIC PAVE-MENT-EYE VIEW OF THE **BATMOBILE** IN PURSUIT!

THEN IT WAS YOU IN THAT MANHOLE, SNAPPING THE **BAT-MOBILE** FROM UNDERNEATH? VICKI, I-- WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT PICTURE!

*SHORTLY, IN THE OFFICES OF **VUE MAGAZINE.***

DIDN'T THAT HIGH-SPEED CAMERA TAKE A BEAUTIFUL SHOT?

YES, EVERY DETAIL IS CLEAR!

IF THIS PICTURE OF THE **BATMOBILE** IS PUBLISHED, IT COULD GIVE AWAY A SECRET NO ONE MUST KNOW!

*AND **BATMAN**, TO PUT OFF PUBLICA-TION OF THAT PICTURE, TALKS FAST...*

YOU ALWAYS PICTURE THE **BATMOBILE** AS ONLY A CAR FOR CHASING CROOKS! WHY NOT RUN THE ***UNTOLD STORY*** OF THE **BATMOBILE'S** UNUSUAL PAST FEATS-- AND PUBLISH THIS NEW PICTURE AT THE ***END*** OF THE SERIES?

I WILL--IF YOU'LL GIVE ME THE INFORMA-TION!

*LATER, WHEN THE DUO, IN THEIR SECRET **BAT-CAVE** RESUME THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...*

WE'VE GOT TO FINISH THIS REPAIR JOB IF WE'RE EVER TO CATCH ***THE RACER!***

YES, BUT FIRST I HAVE TO WRITE DOWN THE FACTS OF THE **BATMOBILE** STORY FOR VICKI! WE ***MUST*** PUT OFF PUBLICA-TION OF THAT PICTURE!

*WHAT SECRET COULD THAT **BATMOBILE** PICTURE REVEAL? CAN **YOU** GUESS?*

PRESENTLY, VUE MAGAZINE RECEIVES THE FIRST CHAPTER OF THE EPIC SAGA OF THE BATMOBILE...

WHY WAS BATMAN SO ANXIOUS TO GIVE US THIS STORY? IT'S A BIT SUSPICIOUS!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? IT'S A GREAT FEATURE! LISTEN TO HIS ACCOUNT OF THE BATMOBILE IN THE BIG HURRICANE...

"WHEN THE FIRST WARNINGS OF THE GREAT HURRICANE CAME, ROBIN AND I REALIZED THE PERIL..."

...AND EVERYONE SHOULD TAKE COVER! IT'S NOT SAFE TO DRIVE... THESE WINDS WILL BLOW CARS OFF THE STREETS!

WE'VE GOT TO HELP IN THIS EMERGENCY, BUT IF WE CAN'T DRIVE THE BAT-MOBILE OUT, HOW CAN WE?

WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE CAR HURRI-CANE-PROOF!

THESE STEEL SHEETS WE INTENDED TO USE FOR ENLARGING THE LAB WILL MAKE THE BATMOBILE HEAVY AND STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND THE STORM!

WE'VE GOT TO HURRY--THE GALE'S RISING TO PEAK STRENGTH.. AND WITH POLICE CARS IMMOBILIZED, LOOTERS MAY START WORKING!

"AND IT WAS IN AN ARMORED BATMOBILE THAT WE DROVE OUT INTO THE TERRIFIC STORM!"

THE WEIGHT HOLDS US DOWN AGAINST THE GALE--AND THE ARMOR PROTECTS US FROM FLYING DEBRIS!

WE'LL PATROL THE WHOLE AREA, TO DISCOURAGE LOOTING!

"BUT FATE ASSIGNED OUR ARMORED BAT-MOBILE AN EVEN MORE URGENT TASK..."

BATMAN, LOOK! THAT BIG TREE CAVED IN THE CORNER OF THE HOSPITAL AND BROUGHT DOWN THE POWER-WIRES!

THE HOSPITAL HAS AN EMERGENCY STAND-BY GENERATOR, BUT WE'D BETTER CHECK JUST THE SAME!

THE TREE THAT CAVED INTO THE BUILDING NOT ONLY BROKE OUR POWER-WIRES... IT SMASHED THE GASOLINE MOTOR THAT RUNS OUR EMERGENCY ELECTRIC-GENERATOR! AND LIVES DEPEND ON THE POWER!

THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE! ROBIN, CLEAR THAT BELT WHILE I RUN THE BATMOBILE CLOSE UP BESIDE THE BUILDING!

"WITHIN MINUTES..."

YOU'VE GOT THE LIGHTS GOING AGAIN!

AND THE BATMOBILE'S POWERFUL MOTOR CAN KEEP THE GENERATOR WORKING UNTIL THE WIRES ARE REPAIRED!

...AND THAT'S THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF "THE BATMOBILE STORY"! THE OTHERS WILL BE ALONG SOON!

IT'S EXCITING, BUT I STILL THINK BATMAN'S ANXIETY TO PUBLISH THIS IS QUEER! AND IF THE BATMOBILE'S SO GREAT, WHY CAN'T IT OVERTAKE THAT THIEF, THE RACER? I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!

AND AS NIGHT FALLS...

WE SHOULD BE BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE FINISHING THAT URGENT JOB, BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP LOOKING FOR THE RACER!

IF WE COULD JUST OVERTAKE HIM ONCE--AND FIGURE OUT HOW HE PULLS THOSE VANISHING ACTS...

JUST THEN...

BATMAN, THERE HE IS--HEADING TOWARD THAT DRIVE-IN THEATER!

NO-- HE'S JUST SPOTTED US AND IS STARTING TO TURN AWAY! IF WE CAN ONLY CUT HIM OFF!

DRIVE-IN TH
NOW SHO

BUT WITH A TERRIFIC SURGE OF SPEED, THE HELMETED THIEF AGAIN SLIPS AWAY...

PULL UP! THOSE CARS GOING INTO THE THEATER ARE BLOCKING US OFF!

IF I'D HAD JUST A LITTLE MORE SPEED, WE COULD HAVE GRABBED HIM! WE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE TONIGHT!

AND AS DAWN COMES...

I CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT VICKI'S BATMOBILE PICTURE! COULDN'T YOU JUST ASK HER NOT TO PUBLISH IT?

I COULD--BUT THEN SHE'D SURELY EXAMINE IT CLOSELY--AND LEARN THE SECRET THAT NOBODY MUST KNOW! THAT'S WHY I MAILED VUE MORE INSTALLMENTS OF "THE BATMOBILE STORY"... TO POSTPONE HER PRINTING THAT PICTURE!

IN THE MEANTIME...

SO THE RACER ESCAPED BATMAN AGAIN! HMPH -- I'M BEGINNING TO SUSPECT NOW JUST WHAT BATMAN'S TRYING TO HIDE!

PSHAW! WHAT DOES ONE FAILURE MEAN, WHEN BATMAN HAS SUCCEEDED SO MANY TIMES! HERE--LISTEN TO THIS TERRIFIC STORY HE TELLS OF THE BATMOBILE...

"WHEN THE NORTHTOWN DAM BROKE AND FLOODED THE WHOLE TOWN AND VALLEY, WE KNEW WE MIGHT BE NEEDED THERE..."

THIS "DUCK" CHASSIS, WHICH CAN MOVE ON LAND OR WATER, OUGHT TO HELP US PATROL THAT FLOODED VALLEY!

WE'LL SOON BE READY TO ROLL--ER--I MEAN, SAIL!

"IT WAS WELL WE'D HAD SUCH EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT READY--BECAUSE SHORTLY AFTERWARD, IN THE STRICKEN AREA..."

WE CAN GET RICH PICKINGS! PEOPLE RAN AWAY FROM THE FLOOD SO FAST, THEY LEFT PLENTY OF VALUABLES!

THERE'S THE BATMOBILE COMING DOWN INTO THE VALLEY! HA, HA,... THIS IS ONE TIME BATMAN CAN'T CHASE US!

BUT HE CAN-- RIGHT OVER THE WATER! HOW DOES HE DO IT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE FAST! HEAD UPRIVER!

ON THE WATER, THIS SPEEDBOAT IS FASTER THAN THEIR BATMOBILE; NO MATTER HOW THEY'VE GOT IT FIXED! WE'RE LEAVING THEM BEHIND!

"SENSING THEIR STRATEGY, I CHANGED OUR TACTICS..."

WE'LL TAKE A SHORTCUT ACROSS THIS POINT, WHILE THEY FOLLOW THE RIVER...

"AND THANKS TO THE FACT THAT WE COULD RUN ON EITHER LAND OR WATER, WE WERE SOON WAITING FOR THEM!"

THEY GOT HERE AHEAD OF US... BUT HOW? THEY NEVER PASSED US ON THE RIVER!

YOU'LL HAVE A NICE LONG TIME IN JAIL TO FIGURE IT OUT!

HMM...THIS OLD PICTURE OF THE BATMOBILE...IT CONFIRMS MY SUSPICIONS! NOW I KNOW WHAT BATMAN'S TRYING TO HIDE!

LISTEN TO THESE OTHER BATMOBILE FEATS HE'S WRITTEN ABOUT..

"DEEP SNOW CAN IMMOBILIZE EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL CAR--AND ONLY RECENTLY..."

I'VE FINALLY LOCATED JOHN BLAIR, THE MISSING WITNESS IN THE GRAY TRIAL! HE'S IN HILLTOWN!

BUT THAT MOUNTAIN VILLAGE IS SNOWED IN--AND IN THIS BLIZZARD, EVEN A HELICOPTER CAN'T FLY!

"THAT'S WHY WE ALWAYS KEEP EMERGENCY SNOWMOBILE EQUIPMENT READY..."

BLAIR'S EVIDENCE CAN SAVE AN INNOCENT MAN, IF WE GET HIM HERE IN TIME!

NOBODY'S GOT INTO HILLTOWN FOR DAYS--BUT IF ANYTHING CAN DO IT, THE BATMOBILE CAN!

"ROBIN WAS RIGHT, AS A FEW HOURS LATER..."

THAT SNOW-SLIDE JUST MISSED US... BUT THERE'S THE VILLAGE, AT LAST!

NOW TO FIND BLAIR!

"PRESENTLY, IN BLAIR'S LIVING ROOM..."

I WAS TRAVELING AND KNEW NOTHING OF THE TRIAL--BUT I CAN TESTIFY THAT GRAY IS INNOCENT!

FINE--WE'LL GET YOU DOWN TO GOTHAM CITY FAST!

"BUT NATURE INTERPOSED A BARRIER THAT SEEMED TOO MUCH FOR EVEN THE BATMOBILE TO PASS..."

LOOK OUT--AN ICE AVALANCHE!

I BACKED JUST IN TIME... BUT IT'S BLOCKED THE ROAD!

"TRAPPED BY THE ICE-BARRIER, AND WITH TIME RUNNING OUT, WE PINNED OUR FAITH ON THE BATMOBILE'S MASSIVE STRENGTH..."

OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET BACK IN TIME IS TO CRASH THROUGH THAT ICE-BLOCK! AND THIS BATTERING-RAM ON THE FRONT SHOULD HELP!

"BUT AS WE HURLED OUR JUGGERNAUT-BATMOBILE AT THE BARRIER WITH FULL FORCE..."

WE'RE THROUGH! BUT THE CRASH DAMAGED OUR MOTOR BADLY, BATMAN!

IT SHOULD KEEP GOING LONG ENOUGH TO GET TO GOTHAM CITY... THE RIDE'S DOWNGRADE ALL THE DAY! WE'LL GET BLAIR TO THAT TRIAL IN TIME!

THUS ENDS THE LATEST INSTALLMENT-- WHILE BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...

WE GOT BLAIR TO THE TRIAL ALL RIGHT, BUT WHAT MY STORY DIDN'T TELL WAS HOW THE BATMOBILE'S MOTOR WAS TERRIBLY DAMAGED IN THAT CRASH!

AND WE'VE BEEN LABORING EVER SINCE TO REPAIR IT! BUT NOW THE JOB'S FINISHED, AND WE CAN PUT THE BODY BACK ON!

BRUCE WAYNE'S SPORT-CAR, WITH THE BATMOBILE'S BODY OVER IT, MADE A FAIR IMITATION-- BUT WITHOUT THE SPEED OF THE REAL THING!

IT WAS THE ONLY THING WE COULD DO, SINCE WE COULDN'T LET THE UNDERWORLD KNOW HOW WE WERE HANDICAPPED!

BUT VICKI'S PICTURE SHOWED THE MOTOR-NUMBER UNDERNEATH OUR PHONY BATMOBILE! THAT NUMBER COULD BE TRACED TO BRUCE WAYNE, AND EXPOSE MY IDENTITY!

WE'LL HAVE TO GET THAT PICTURE AWAY FROM HER SOMEHOW--BUT FIRST THERE'S THE RACER TO DEAL WITH!

AND SOON, WHEN A CONFIDENT HIGH-SPEED THIEF TRIES ANOTHER FAST GETAWAY...

HA, HA--THEIR MUCH-ADVERTISED **BATMOBILE** JUST CAN'T KEEP UP WITH ME! I'LL GIVE THEM THE SLIP AND DROP OUT OF SIGHT IN THE USUAL WAY!

BUT THIS TIME, IT'S NO **IMITATION** VEHICLE IN PURSUIT...

NOT EVEN **THE RACER** CAN GET AWAY FROM THE **REAL BATMOBILE!** THERE HE IS AHEAD!

AND HE'S "VANISHING" IN THE WAY I SUSPECTED!

RACING-CARS ARE OFTEN SHIPPED IN BIG VANS LIKE THIS--WHICH EXPLAINS **THE RACER'S** WAY OF HIDING HIS CAR!

BATMAN OVERTOOK **ME!** IT CAN'T BE... BUT IT IS! I'M SUNK!

BUT **BATMAN'S** TROUBLES HAVEN'T ENDED YET--FOR AWHILE LATER...

YES, I KNOW YOU CAUGHT **THE RACER**--AND I ALSO KNOW HOW WHAT YOU TRIED TO HIDE FROM ME!

OH, OH--SHE'S SPOTTED THAT CLUE TO OUR SECRET! WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

AND SO, THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

I COMPARED MY PICTURE TO OLD PICTURES OF THE **BATMOBILE**--AND IT WAS A **FAKE** YOU WERE USING THAT NIGHT! YOU KNEW MY PICTURE WASN'T ANY GOOD!

ER--SORRY, VICKI, BUT WE HAVE THE REAL ONE GOING AGAIN! GIVE ME BACK THE NEGATIVE AND PRINT OF YOUR PICTURE, AND I'LL POSE THE **BATMOBILE** FOR ALL THE SHOTS YOU WANT!

NOW THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU BACK THAT WORTHLESS PICTURE OF YOUR **IMITATION BATMOBILE**, YOU CAN POSE THE REAL ONE FOR ME ALL DAY! YOU'LL LEARN YOU CAN'T FOOL **ME!**

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT--YOU'RE JUST TOO SHARP FOR US, VICKI!

THE END

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BATMAN WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

FROM THE DARK RECESSES OF A CRIMINAL MIND COMES A SHOCKING SCHEME--A SCHEME WHICH ACTUALLY SUCCEEDS IN DRIVING *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* FROM THEIR FAMED VAULTED RETREAT, THE *BAT-CAVE!* NOW, LIKE WANDERERS IN SPACE, THEY MUST ROAM THE ENDLESS SKIES! BUT THEIR DESPERATE PLIGHT BRINGS FORTH A FANTASTIC SOLUTION! YOU'LL BE STUNNED BY THE FABULOUS INGENUITY OF THE *DARING DUO* AS THEY DEVISE TOTALLY *NEW METHODS* TO FIGHT THE UNDERWORLD! AND THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING GENIUS PRODUCES A DARING NEW DEVELOPMENT CALLED...

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by BOB KANE

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BATMAN! LOOK! WE'RE ABOUT TO BE BLASTED OUT OF THE SKIES BY *ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE!*

AS NIGHT CLOAKS GOTHAM CITY, THE BRILLIANT LIGHTS OF AN UNUSED HANDBALL COURT REVEAL PLAYERS IN A DEADLY GAME...

YOU FELL FOR OUR TRAP, *ROBIN!* NOW WE'RE GONNA FINISH YOU!

SUDDENLY, AN UNEXPECTED REPRIEVE FOR THE BOY WONDER...

WAIT, ROCKY! I JUST GOT WORD YOU HAD *ROBIN* CORNERED! DON'T YOU KNOW ANY BETTER THAN TO BUMP HIM OFF BEFORE CALLIN' *ME?* I CAN USE HIM *ALIVE!*

WE THOUGHT YOU'D BE *PROUD* OF US, DIAMOND! GOSH! IT'S GETTIN' SO A FELLER DON'T KNOW WHO TO SHOOT!

PRESENTLY, AFTER A GRIM COUNCIL OF WAR...

YOU'RE A GENIUS TO THINK THAT ONE UP, DIAMOND! BUT WILL *BATMAN* DO IT?

CERTAINLY HE'LL DO IT, LUNKHEAD! HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO SAVE HIS LITTLE PAL, *ROBIN!* JUST WAIT AND SEE!

AND LATER, IN THE SUMPTUOUS SUBURBAN HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE...

I WONDER WHY *ROBIN* ISN'T BACK YET? HE WAS DOING SOME INVESTIGATING ON HIS OWN TONIGHT AND... OH-OH! THE *BAT-SIGNAL!* THAT MEANS THEY WANT *BATMAN* AT HEADQUARTERS, PRONTO!

SWIFTLY, THE WEALTHY SOCIALITE SWITCHES TO HIS ROLE OF *BATMAN!* AND SOON AFTER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THIS MESSAGE JUST CAME FOR YOU, *BATMAN!* DO YOU WANT MY MEN TO MOVE IN ON REGAN'S?

HMMM... THEY APPARENTLY HAVE *ROBIN!* NO, THANKS, COMMISSIONER GORDON! I DON'T WANT TO RISK ANYTHING HAPPENING TO THE BOY! I'LL GO AND MEET THE WRITER OF THIS NOTE ALONE!

Batman:
If you want to see Robin alive again, Come to Regan's Docks at once!

AND MOMENTS LATER, IN THE MURKY VAPOR AT REGAN'S BATHS...

YES! THIS IS DEFINITELY ONE OF ROBIN'S GLOVES!

THEN YOU KNOW WE HAVE HIM! NOW IF YOU WANT US TO TURN HIM LOOSE, ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS AGREE THAT NEITHER OF YOU WILL SET FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY FOR ONE WEEK!

JUST SIGN THIS AGREEMENT THAT NEITHER BATMAN NOR ROBIN WILL SET FOOT IN THE CITY FOR A WEEK, AND YOUR KID ASSISTANT GOES FREE! IF YOU DON'T...

I CAN'T RISK ROBIN'S LIFE! I HAVE NO CHOICE!

I'LL SIGN!

SOME HOURS LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

I'M ALL RIGHT, BATMAN! THEY FREED ME AS SOON AS THAT THUG BROUGHT BACK THE PLEDGE YOU SIGNED! BUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW?

I WISH I KNEW, ROBIN! WHEN WORD GETS OUT THAT WE WON'T SET FOOT IN THE CITY FOR A WEEK, EVERY RAT IN GOTHAM WILL COME OUT OF HIS HOLE! HMM... UNLESS WE FIGURE SOME SOLUTION!

AND IN THE HIDEOUT OF "BIG-TIME" GATESON...

I'VE GOT IT, BIG TIME! A GUARANTEE THAT THE JOB YOU'RE PLANNIN' FOR NEXT WEEK WILL BE A SUCCESS!

YEAH! I ALREADY HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT YOU GOT BATMAN TO PROMISE HE WON'T SET FOOT IN THE CITY FOR A WEEK! BUT HOW DO I KNOW HE'LL KEEP HIS WORD?

IF IT WAS ANYONE ELSE, I'D BE WORRIED! BUT ONCE BATMAN PUTS HIS NAME ON AN AGREEMENT, HE STICKS TO IT -- THE CHUMP!

YEAH! I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! WELL, NOW WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE BIGGEST JOB THIS TOWN HAS EVER SEEN WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM BATMAN!

24 HOURS FOR GOTHAM'S INTREPID CRIME-FIGHTERS TO GET OUT OF TOWN! AND IN THE BAT-CAVE, AS THE PRECIOUS HOURS SPEED BY...

YOU'VE MADE ABOUT 20 CALLS IN THE PAST HOUR, BATMAN! WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR YOU, ROBIN -- AND FOR THE CROOKS OF GOTHAM!... SO I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SET FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY, EH?... HELLO! RANDOLPH COMPANY? THIS IS BATMAN! I WANT 50 TANKS OF HELIUM DELIVERED TO THE WARD BUILDING -- THAT'S RIGHT! AT ONCE!

AND HOURS LATER, IN A PLUSH CRIMINAL HIDEOUT...

HURRAY! IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE! THIS IS THE HOUR BATMAN LEAVES TOWN!

WE ALL KNOW WHAT BIG TIME HAS PLANNED! BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, DIAMOND?

HA-HA! BATMAN'S BEIN' OUT OF TOWN WILL DO ME MORE GOOD THAN ANY OF YOU -- IN FACT, IT WILL ADD TEN YEARS TO MY LIFE! BUT I'M NOT TELLIN' YOU ANY MORE!

AND PRESENTLY...

OUR INSIDE MAN AT THE BANK TIPPED ME AS TO THE EXACT TIME AND ROUTE WHEN THE NATIONAL BANK WILL TRANSFER ITS DOUGH FROM ITS OLD TO ITS NEW BUILDING!

AND THE TIME IS TONIGHT -- DURING THE WEEK BATMAN CAN'T SET FOOT IN THIS TOWN! THIS IS PERFECT!

LATER...

LET ME CHECK YOU, ROCKY! YEAH, FINE! YOU'RE A DEAD RINGER FOR THE DUMMY WE'RE TAKIN' OUT OF THE WINDOW! NOW GET IN AND TAKE THE DUMMY'S PLACE -- AND KEEP THAT TOMMY-GUN CLOSE TO YOUR SIDE SO IT CAN'T BE SPOTTED!

SUITS

SOON...

HMM... THE ARMORED CARS THAT ARE MOVING THE DOUGH FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW BANK WILL BE ALONG SOON! AND THE STREET WILL BE LINED WITH COPS!

YEAH! AND EVERY COP WILL BE FACING THE STREET TO WATCH THE TRUCKS -- THEY'LL NEVER SUSPECT THE "DUMMIES" WE PLANTED IN THE WINDOWS WILL GET 'EM IN THE BACK! HA-HA!

AND SHORTLY AFTER, THE QUIET STREET EXPLODES INTO ACTION...

IT'S GOIN' JUST AS I PLANNED! AND ...HA, HA... BATMAN CAN'T EVEN SET FOOT IN TOWN TO STOP IT!

BANG

TAT-A-TAT-A-TAT-A-TAT

BUT SUDDENLY, FROM OUT THE NIGHT SKY, THERE IS A SOUND LIKE THE BEATING OF THE WINGS OF SOME GIANT BIRD AND...

BIG TIME! LOOK! THAT... THAT THING! IT HAS THE *BAT-SIGNAL* ON ITS SIDE! DO YOU SUPPOSE...

IF IT'S *BATMAN*, ALL HE CAN DO IS *WATCH!* HE CAN'T STOP US UNLESS HE BREAKS HIS PLEDGE AND SETS FOOT IN GOTHAM!

WHILE HIGH ABOVE, INSIDE THE STRANGE, FLOATING BODY...

THIS *FLYING BAT-CAVE* IS A GREAT IDEA, *BATMAN!* BUT ALL WE CAN DO IS OBSERVE WHAT CRIMINALS ARE DOING IN GOTHAM ON THESE TELEVISION SCREENS!

WE'LL DO MORE THAN THAT, *ROBIN!* WAIT!

SECONDS LATER, ON THE STREET BELOW...

HEY! MY TOMMY-GUN! IT'S FLYIN' RIGHT OUT OF MY HANDS!

HA! NOW I'VE GOT YOU WHERE I WANT YOU, COPPER! BEFORE YOU CAN REACH YOUR GAT, I'LL... MY GUN! IT'S TAKEN OFF LIKE A BIRD!

AND IN THE OBSERVATION ROOM OF THE *FLYING BAT-CAVE*...

A GIANT *ELECTROMAGNET!* WITH IT, WE CAN *DISARM CROOKS* WITHOUT BREAKING OUR BLEDGE!

I GET IT, *BATMAN!* WE'RE *OVER* GOTHAM CITY, BUT *WE HAVEN'T SET FOOT ON IT!*

YES, *ROBIN*, THOSE CROOKS CAN'T SAY WE'RE NOT TECHNICALLY STICKING TO OUR AGREEMENT!

THE FLYING *BAT-CAVE* CAN STOP THEM IN THE OPEN WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM! BUT THE CROOKS STILL HAVE A WEEK IN WHICH TO THINK UP OTHER METHODS! WHAT'LL WE DO THEN?

LATER, IN *BIG TIME'S* HIDEOUT...

WHAT ARE *YOU* LOOKIN' SO HAPPY ABOUT, DIAMOND? THE COPS CLEANED UP HALF MY MOB AFTER *BATMAN* DISARMED THEM WITH THAT GIANT ELECTRO-MAGNET!

HA! YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE *BATMAN* CREDIT, BIG TIME! BUT HE'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO THWART *MY* SCHEME!

WAIT! I DON'T KNOW WHAT *YOU'VE* GOT UP YOUR SLEEVE, BUT *I* JUST GOT A *BRILLIANT IDEA!* *BATMAN* CAN'T POSSIBLY STOP ME NOW AND STILL KEEP HIS PROMISE!

SNAP!

SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER...

SO *BATMAN* THINKS HE CAN PUT THE SQUEEZE ON US BY STAYING *ABOVE* THE GROUND! ALL RIGHT! WE'LL SHOW HIM -- FROM NOW ON WE WORK *UNDERGROUND!*

AND PRESENTLY, INSIDE A GIANT CONDUIT WHICH FEEDS THE CITY ITS LIFE'S BLOOD OF ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER...

NEVER MIND! IN ANOTHER MINUTE, WE'LL HAVE BROKEN INTO THE BASEMENT OF THE CITY'S BIGGEST FUR STORAGE WAREHOUSE! WE'LL HAVE A FORTUNE IN PELTS AND *BATMAN* WON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT IT!

WE CUT RIGHT THROUGH THAT ELECTRIC CABLE AND BROKE INTO A WATER PIPE, BIG TIME!

WHOOOSH

AND AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE SKY FAR ABOVE...

LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T BE USING ALL THIS EQUIPMENT WE BROUGHT FROM THE *BAT-CAVE'S CRIME LAB, BATMAN!* THE CITY'S BEEN QUIET FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS.'

I'M JUST GETTING A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT VARIOUS PARTS OF GOTHAM ON OUR *RADAR-OBSERVASCOPE!* HMM.. NOTHING OUT OF THE WAY ON THE NORTH SIDE.'

HMM...THAT'S STRANGE! ALL THE LIGHTS ON PUTNAM STREET SUDDENLY WENT OUT.' AND NOW THE WATER SPRAYS ON THE BIJOU'S COOLING SYSTEM ARE DOWN TO A TRICKLE.' HMM... BOTH ELECTRICITY AND WATER ARE OFF AT ONCE! THIS MAY MEAN SOMETHING, *ROBIN!*

RACING TO THE CONTROL ROOM, *BATMAN* DIRECTS THE STRANGE SHIP OUT OVER THE CITY'S HARBOR. AND PRESENTLY...

QUICK! INTO THE UNDERWATER *BAT-OSPHERE!* I'LL OPEN THE UNDERSIDE PORT SO WE CAN BE LOWERED INTO THE HARBOR!

THEN, AS THE FLYING *BAT-CAVE* HOVERS ABOVE THE DARK WATERS...

MM-M-M-M-M-M-

SPLASH!

BEFORE WE WERE FORCED TO LEAVE GOTHAM CITY, I ANTICIPATED EVERY WAY OF GETTING NEAR IT WITHOUT BREAKING MY PROMISE.' BY OPERATING FROM *UNDERWATER,* WE MAY BE ABLE TO CHECK MY HUNCH WITHOUT ACTUALLY SETTING FOOT IN THE CITY.'

SECONDS LATER...

RIGHT NOW, OUR DELICATE RADIO INSTRUMENTS CAN PICK UP SOUNDS CARRIED THROUGH THE CITY'S CONDUITS WHICH TERMINATE IN THE RIVER! IT'S SIMILAR TO THE *SUBMARINE-DETECTING DEVICES* ON BATTLESHIPS!

HMM... I'M GETTING SOMETHING! I TURN THE DIRECTION-FINDER AND... IT'S COMING IN STRONG NOW! THERE'S SOMEONE INSIDE THE CONDUITS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TOWN!

I'LL CALL THE POLICE BY SHORT-WAVE AND HAVE THEM COVER EVERY MANHOLE IN THAT SECTION!

AND SOON AFTER, INSIDE A DARK PASSAGE BENEATH THE CITY'S STREETS...

(WHISPER) THERE'S ANOTHER SQUAD CAR PARKED BESIDE THIS EXIT JUST LIKE AT THE OTHERS WE TRIED, BIG TIME!

THEY MUST HAVE GOT WORD THAT WE ENTERED THE FUR WARE-HOUSE FROM THIS UNDERGROUND CONDUIT! COME ON! FOLLOW ME!

LIKE SCURRYING RATS, THE CRIMINALS RACE THROUGH THE SUBTERRANEAN LABYRINTH UNTIL...

HEY! THIS STREET DRAIN TUNNEL ENDS IN THE RIVER! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

YOU SWIM UNDER-WATER UNTIL YOU CLEAR THE TUNNEL! THEN YOU COME UP ON THE SUR-FACE OF THE RIVER! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

BUT THE RIVER'S DARK WATERS HOLD AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE...

I CAN'T GO INTO GOTHAM CITY AFTER THESE CHARACTERS, BUT IF THEY INSIST ON COMING TO *ME -- UMPH!*

PRESENTLY...

THE POLICE PATROL BOAT WILL BE ALONG TO PICK YOU BOYS UP IN A MINUTE!

WE DID IT AGAIN, ***BATMAN!*** WE KNOCKED OFF A GANG WITHOUT SETTING FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY!

BONG! BONG! BONG!

BUT LATER, ON A DIMLY LIGHTED SIDE STREET...

LUCKY I WAS THE LAST ONE OUT OF THE TUNNEL AND SPOT-TED ***BATMAN*** IN TIME TO GET BACK BEFORE HE SAW ME! THIS IS THE SECOND TIME HE'S TRICKED ME—BUT THERE'S STILL ***FOUR DAYS*** BEFORE THIS WEEK IS UP!

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AND AFTERWARDS...

SORRY I CAN'T GIVE YOU MORE SYMPATHY, BIG TIME! BUT TOMORROW I GO ON TRIAL FOR AN OLD LARCENY RAP! AND EVEN THOUGH **BATMAN** IS THE STAR WITNESS AGAINST ME, IT'S **IMPOSSIBLE** FOR HIM TO RUIN MY PLAN WITHOUT SETTING FOOT IN GOTHAM! I'LL LEAVE THAT COURT A **FREE MAN!**

BAH!

NEXT DAY, IN A CROWDED COURTROOM...

FIRST WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION -- **BATMAN! BATMAN,** TAKE THE STAND, PLEASE!

(*WHISPER*) HA, HA! HE'S THE ONLY WITNESS AGAINST ME, AND HE CAN'T MAKE AN APPEARANCE! THEY'LL HAVE TO SET ME FREE!

BUT SUDDENLY, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAKES A SURPRISE MOVE...

WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING A BIT UNUSUAL IN THIS CASE AGAINST "DIAMOND" LANG!

(*WHISPER*) HEY! WHAT'S THE **D.A.** MEAN? THEY CAN'T PROVE NOTHIN' WITHOUT **BATMAN**-- AND HE WON'T SHOW UP!

WITH A DRAMATIC SWEEP OF HIS HAND, THE **DA.** RIPS AWAY A CLOTH VEIL AND...

THIS IS **BATMAN** TESTIFYING ON A ***SPECIAL TELEVISION WAVELENGTH*** FROM THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE** DIRECTLY ABOVE THIS COURTHOUSE!

I'VE BEEN ROBBED! THIS AIN'T FAIR!

AND AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE FLYING **BAT-CAVE**'S TROPHY ROOM...

LUCKY I REMEMBERED MY DATE IN COURT TO TESTIFY AGAINST DIAMOND-- I WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE WITH THE **DA.** FOR THIS **TV** SET-UP BEFORE I LEFT GOTHAM!

YES! I KNOW THE DEFENDANT, "DIAMOND" LANG!

BUT AS **BATMAN'S** DAMAGING TESTIMONY POURS FROM A LOUDSPEAKER IN THE COURTROOM...

DIAMOND'S MOUTHPIECE JUST BROUGHT US A NOTE TELLING US TO SET UP A ***HOME DIATHERMY MACHINE*** IN THIS BUILDING NEXT TO THE COURTHOUSE! WONDER WHAT HE'S GOT UP HIS SLEEVE?

MOMENTS LATER, IN THE TENSE COURTROOM...

SQUAWK! BRRRR! SQUEEK!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED, YOUR HONOR! BUT I'M SURE WE CAN FIX IT!

IT WORKED! THE DIATHERMY MACHINE THE BOYS ARE RUNNING NEXT DOOR IS INTERFERING WITH THE TV WAVES! THE STATIC IS *BLACKING OUT BATMAN'S TESTIMONY!*

AND BACK AT THE BROADCAST'S SOURCE...

BRRR...RAWK BRRRR...

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE SPEAKER OVER WHICH THE D.A.'S VOICE IS SUPPOSED TO BE COMING, *BATMAN!*

THEN IT MUST BE OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE! FROM THE SOUND OF THAT STATIC, I'D SAY IT'S MAN-MADE! THAT MEANS WE'RE BEING *JAMMED!*

THERE'S THE SOURCE OF THE INTERFERENCE! THOSE CHARACTERS ARE DELIBERATELY JAMMING OUR BROADCAST WITH THAT DIATHERMY MACHINE!

BUT HOW DO WE STOP THEM WITHOUT BREAKING OUR PLEDGE?

IT'S LUCKY WE BROUGHT ALONG SOME OF OUR MOST VALUABLE TROPHIES -- I WANTED THE FLYING *BAT-CAVE* TO SEEM A BIT LIKE HOME! BUT NOW IT SEEMS WE HAVE A REAL USE FOR ONE TROPHY.'

THE GIANT PENNY! HOW WILL THAT HELP US, *BATMAN?*

HOW CAN THE GIANT LINCOLN PENNY SOLVE *BATMAN'S* PROBLEM? CAN YOU GUESS?

THE ANSWER LIES OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER OF JUSTICE, WHERE AN AMAZING STRATEGY IS IN EFFECT...

THE GIANT PENNY THEY LET DOWN -- IT FORMS A COPPER SHIELD BETWEEN THE DIATHERMY MACHINE AND THE TV ANTENNA ON THE COURTHOUSE ROOF! OUR INTERFERENCE IS CUT OFF.'

COURT HOUSE

MOMENTS AFTER, IN THE COURTROOM...

...AND SO I WAS A WITNESS TO THE ENTIRE CRIME! IT WAS DEFINITELY COMMITTED BY "DIAMOND" LANG.'

BUT... BUT THIS CAN'T BE! *BATMAN'S* ON THE AIR AGAIN!

LATER, AS BIG-TIME WALKS THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY...

ONE MORE DAY AND, BATMAN WILL BE BACK IN TOWN. SO FAR, MY SCORE IS ZERO! HMM... THAT WAR MEMORIAL GIVES ME AN IDEA! MAYBE I CAN FIX IT SO BATMAN WILL NEVER COME BACK!

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, IN THE FLYING BAT-CAVE...

LESS THAN TWO MORE HOURS AND OUR "EXILE" IS OVER, BATMAN! I'LL CERTAINLY BE GLAD WHEN--

BUT OUR TROUBLES AREN'T OVER, ROBIN! LOOK ON THE OBSERVA-SCOPE! CROOKS ARE ESCAPING FROM THE POST OFFICE OVER THE ROOF! I'M GUIDING THE BAT-CAVE IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK!

WHILE ON THE ROOF OF THE POST OFFICE...

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOIN', BIG TIME! WE'RE IN A PRETTY EXPOSED POSITION TO--

QUIET! BATMAN'S COMING TOWARD US NOW!

ALL RIGHT! THROW OFF THE MAIL BAG CAMOUFLAGE! TURN ON THE SEARCH-LIGHTS! STAND BY TO FIRE!

HA, HA! WHAT A SURPRISE WHEN BATMAN RUNS INTO FLAK! HE NEVER USES GUNS, SO THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN STOP OUR ANTI-AIRCRAFT FROM KNOCKIN' THE FLYING BAT-CAVE OUT OF THE SKY!

THEN, AS THE SURPRISE BARRAGE OPENS UP...

AKK AKK BAM AK

IT WAS A TRAP, BATMAN! THEY WEREN'T STEALING SACKS OF MAIL--THE CANVAS BAGS WERE A CAMOUFLAGE FOR THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS!

ZZZING

WE'RE PINPOINTED IN THEIR SEARCHLIGHTS! THEY'RE SURE OF A DIRECT HIT SOON!

AND SECONDS LATER...

AH! RIGHT SQUARE IN MY SIGHTS! NOW I'LL BLAST THE DARING DUO AND THEIR FLYING BAT-CAVE OUT OF EXISTENCE!

BUT AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE STRANGE AIRCRAFT'S CONTROL ROOM...

I'VE SET THE *AUTOMATIC PILOT* TO TAKE THE SHIP BEYOND THE CITY AND LET IT FLOAT TO EARTH.' GET ON YOUR PARACHUTE, *ROBIN*.' WE'RE JUMPING! DON'T PULL THE RIP CORD UNTIL YOU'VE FALLEN CLEAR OF THE SEARCHLIGHT BEAMS.'

BUT, *BATMAN*.' THE WEEK'S NOT UP YET.' AND WE'RE GOING INTO GOTHAM-- THEY'VE FORCED US TO BREAK OUR PLEDGE.'

WE'RE *NOT* BREAKING THE PLEDGE! BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN NOW.' READY--PULL YOUR RIP CORD.'

WHILE OUR CHUTES ARE CLOSED, OUR BODIES FALL TOO FAST FOR THEM TO HIT US.' AH.' NOW WE'RE OUT OF THE LIGHTS.'

THEN, LIKE TWIN TORNADOES, *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* SWEEP DOWN UPON THE POST OFFICE ROOF...

CLUNK

CRASH

HOLD IT, BIG-TIME.' YOU'VE GOT A DATE AT THE STATE PEN--WITH THE REST OF THE *SMALL-TIMERS*.'

YOU'VE GOT ME, *BATMAN*.' BUT I'LL SEE THAT ALL OF GOTHAM KNOWS THAT *YOU BROKE YOUR WORD*.' YOU HAD TO SET FOOT IN THE CITY TO STOP ME.'

UGH

CRACK

SORRY, BUT YOU'RE WRONG, BIG-TIME.' THIS IS A *UNITED STATES POST OFFICE BUILDING* --IT BELONGS TO THE *FEDERAL GOVERNMENT* AND IS *NOT PART OF THE CITY*.' I HAVEN'T SET FOOT IN GOTHAM CITY SINCE I LEFT.'

AND IN 5 MINUTES THE WEEK'S UP AND WE CAN LEAVE THIS ROOFTOP, *BATMAN*.'

AND AFTERWARDS...

I CAN'T SAY I'M SORRY TO BE BACK IN THE UNDERGROUND *BAT-CAVE, ROBIN*.'

HA, HA.' HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS SIGN, *BATMAN*.!? IF AN OUTSIDER SHOULD EVER GET A LOOK AT IT, HE'LL GO CRAZY TRYING TO FIGURE HOW YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM A *CAVE* WITH A *PARACHUTE*.'

PARACHUTES USED TO ESCAPE FROM BAT-CAVE

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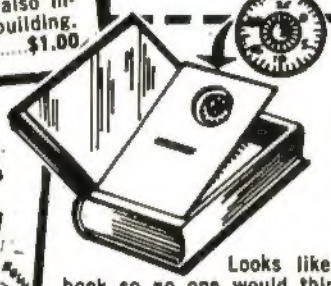

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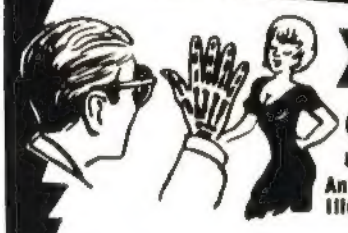

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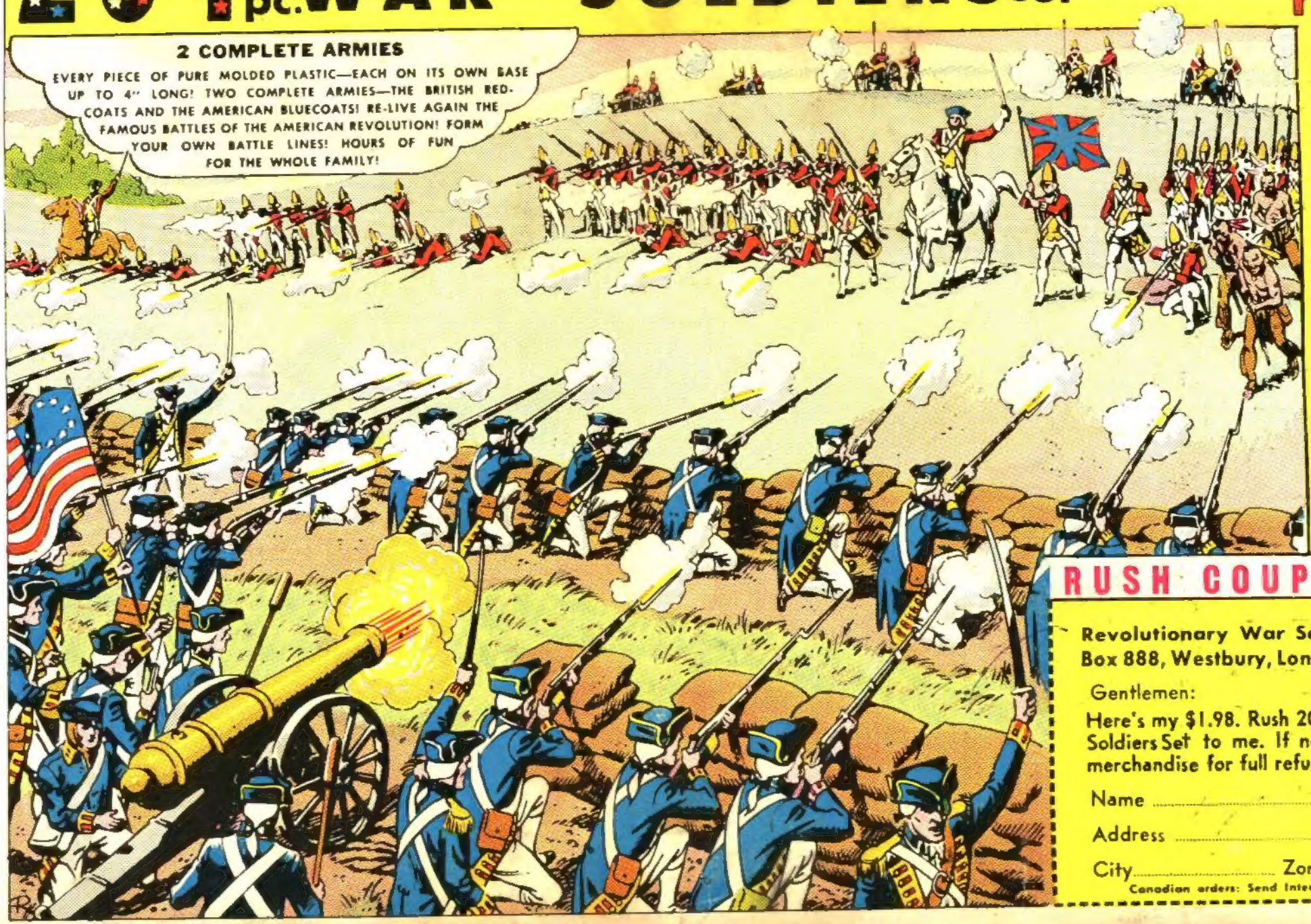

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